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## Bipartisan gun pact hailed as historic

Compromise crafted by Connecticut senators Murphy, Blumenthal needs final language before reaching Biden’s desk

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — As advocates hailed a bipartisan gun safety compromise Monday that was described as historic, two U.S. senators said the package is still weeks away from final passage.

U.S. Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal, two Connecticut Democrats who were key architects of the largest gun reforms in three decades, said the painstaking work of crafting the final language will continue before the measure can reach Pres-

ident Joe Biden’s desk.

The wide-ranging bill provides billions for mental health, cracks down on gun trafficking across state lines, closes a loophole in domestic violence cases and requires background checks by dealers who had been operating as a hobby but sell enough guns to be federally licensed firearms dealers.

“Thirty years. Thirty years since Congress has done anything meaningful on the issue of gun violence,” Murphy told reporters at the state Capitol complex in Hartford. “This bill doesn’t do everything. This bill will not end the epidemic of gun violence overnight.

This bill doesn’t include everything that Dick [Blumenthal] and I support. But it is substantial. It is significant. It will save lives. And it will provide us the momentum to be able to make further changes. That’s why I described this as a breakthrough.”

After shootings across the country and nearly a decade since the deaths of 20 schoolchildren and six educators at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown in 2012, Congress has finally decided to take steps regarding gun violence.

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Sen. Richard Blumenthal, left, and Sen. Chris Murphy are two of the architects of the bipartisan gun compromise. **PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP**



The city of Hartford will consider plans Tuesday for what could be its first cannabis retailer at the corner of Arch Street and Columbus Boulevard, across from the convention center. The building is known for its bear mural. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

## STIRRING THE POT

Plans for Hartford cannabis shop near Front Street, convention center spur strong opposition

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — As the state moves closer to the opening of recreational marijuana shops, opposition is stirring in Hartford over plans that would bring the city’s first adult-use cannabis retailer to Front Street, across from the convention center.

Derrick C. Gibbs Jr. is a member of a partnership that is seeking city zoning approvals to open the shop at the corner of Arch Street and Columbus Boulevard in a building — recognizable for the bear mural on its east side and most recently occupied by the Blind Pig Pizza Co.

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The Travelers Tower is seen in the skyline beyond 89 Arch St. in the Front Street district.

## Former dealer wins fight with state over obscure law taxing illegal drugs

By Edmund H. Mahony  
Hartford Courant

A former small-time drug dealer has successfully challenged an odd law requiring illegal narcotics traffickers to declare their inventories to the state tax department and allowing the state to extract big penalties from those who don’t.

Randy Weinberg, convicted of selling pain pills in New London, claimed that the obscure tax law is selectively enforced and inconsequen-

tial in terms of collecting revenue. The purpose of the law, he argued, is to punish drug dealers twice — once at conviction and later with exorbitant interest and penalty charges for failing to obtain state tax stamps for their illegal narcotics.

Weinberg sued the Department of Revenue Services in federal court and has agreed to a settlement under which he is absolved of a \$129,672.38 tax obligation in return for dropping his claims against the state.

The settlement applies only to Weinberg’s

case. John Biello, the deputy state tax commissioner, said Monday the department will review its application of the tax law and the revenue it has produced before deciding whether to continue to enforce it.

“Mr. Weinberg is happy to move on with his life,” said his lawyer, Cameron Atkinson of the firm Pattis and Smith. “It was an unfair and unfathomable tax.”

The law Weinberg challenged, an “Act Impos-

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## Plan near UConn Health site hits snag

Judge: No bias, but OK of apartments in Farmington was hasty

By Don Stacom  
Hartford Courant

The proposal for a massive apartment complex near UConn Health in Farmington has suffered a setback in court, but theoretically could be back on track this week.

Prattling Pond Road homeowners won a partial victory when Superior Court Judge Matthew Budzik ruled that the town’s wetlands commission made an error when it approved 131 apartments along Route 4.

But Budzik also rejected two substantial components of the neighbors’ lawsuit, and wetlands commissioners on Wednesday night are scheduled to discuss the matter — and possibly issue a revised approval.

It is likely the project will remain delayed in court, however, since neighbors also are pursuing a lawsuit to overturn the separate plan and zoning commission approval.

At issue is whether Geoffrey Sager can build a three-story apartment complex almost directly across Route 4 from UConn Health, the first large-scale, high-density housing project in that immediate area.

Sager’s 402 Farmington Ave. LLC has argued that modern apartments within convenient walking distance are badly needed in the health and technology corridor along Route 4.

In presenting the idea last year, the developer emphasized that the state and town governments have long worked to bring more high-value health sciences and technology employers to that area. The current lineup includes the American Red Cross, the Carrier Corp., Otis Elevator, Stanley Black & Decker UConn Health Center and Jackson Laboratory.

Sager initially proposed a four-story complex with 146 units, but scaled back the number because the plan and zoning approval capped the height at three floors.

Prattling Pond Road homeowners Douglas and Kimberly Zeytoonjian along with numerous neighbors contend the project will damage a quiet neighborhood that was never intended for large-scale multifamily housing.

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### Stefanowski fundraiser with Nebraska governor is canceled

About 24 hours before a long-planned fundraiser, Republican Bob Stefanowski suddenly canceled the event Monday with Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, the chairman of the Republican Governors’ Association. **Connecticut, Page 1**



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Ex-East Hartford lawmaker, mayor dies at 71

By Mark Pazniokas  
CT Mirror

Melody A. Currey, who always seemed to find her own way as a blunt practitioner of politics in 25 years as a state lawmaker, East Hartford mayor and state commissioner, died Monday as her husband drove her to a dialysis appointment. “She and dad were on the way to the appointment this morning,” said her son, state Rep. Jeff Currey, D-East Hartford. “They were at a red light. The sun came out. She said, ‘I can’t do this. I love you.’ And she died.”

Jeff Currey took a deep breath, cried a little and laughed a little. “She always did things the way and when she wanted,” he said. Melody Currey was 71, a native of New York who took well to the politics of her adopted home, East Hartford. She was elected to the state House in 1992, serving as a deputy leader. She left after her election as mayor in 2005. In January 2011, she joined the administration of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in its first days, serving as commis-

sioner of motor vehicles in Malloy’s first term, then commissioner of administrative services in his second. As the commissioner of administrative services, Currey oversaw a complex series of purchases and renovations that moved state agencies from expensive leased space. After the purchase and renovation of an office building on Farmington Avenue in Hartford and the two-tower Connecticut River Plaza downtown, the State Office Building near the Capitol was emptied and gutted. On a hard-hat tour of the

River Plaza complex she conducted for Malloy in 2016, she noted with satisfaction that her 15th-floor office in one tower would be higher than the one slated for Kevin Sullivan, the former Senate leader who was Malloy’s commissioner of revenue services, a reflection of long-standing House and Senate rivalries. “I told Sullivan, ‘I always wanted to look down on you,’” she said with a smile. Malloy and former Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman were among those to call Jeff Currey with condolences on Monday. Services were incomplete.

Gov. Ned Lamont said Monday that Currey “was a powerhouse of an advocate on behalf of the people of East Hartford and the entire state of Connecticut.” Attorney General William Tong said in a statement Monday that, “Melody Currey set the standard for public service at every level of government.” Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, and Senate Republican Leader Pro Tempore Paul Formica, R-East Lyme, said in a joint statement, “Our hearts are with Melody’s family and loved ones. Melody Currey

spent a lifetime serving the state of Connecticut as a local town official, a member of the legislature, and held many roles in the executive branch. She embodied public service, living a life always focused on supporting Connecticut and all its residents. It takes a great deal of dedication, time, and commitment to serve as Melody did,” the statement said. Currey is survived by her husband, Don; three children, Jeff, Becky and Matt; and six grandchildren. Melody and Don Currey celebrated their 50th anniversary in October.

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Despite its proximity to busy Route 4, South Road and Exit 39 of I-84, the Prattling Pond area is largely undisturbed, quiet woodlands. Only a tiny sprinkling of upscale houses break up the forest along Prattling Pond Road, a dead end. Neighbors have been fighting Sager’s plan for more than a year, and in the spring of 2021 created a Facebook page called Save Farmington — Reject Massive Development, which drew 200 followers. Residents from other neighbors joined in, agreeing with the Zeytoonjians that town planners shouldn’t be allowed to change long-established residential zones to accommodate large developers. Building a four-story, 146-unit apartment complex next to the Prattling Pond section would be entirely unreasonable, homeowner Richard Fichman said during a hearing last summer. “It’s the size of a football field,” Fichman told the plan and zoning commission. “Imagine a 46-foot-high building being put right behind your homes.”

Planners ultimately agreed that nighttime lighting from a 46-foot building would be intrusive, and approved only a downsized version. The wetlands board also approved it. The Zeytoonjians have been in court ever since, claiming the municipal reviews were stacked in favor of the developer and asking Budzik to overturn the approvals. The suit against the plan and zoning commission is pending, but at the end of May Budzik ruled in the wetlands case. Budzik dismissed the allegations that would have automatically triggered an entirely new commission hearing. Instead, his finding leaves the commission to specifically state whether a feasible, prudent alternative exists. “The court can find no evidence that members’ consideration of the application was ‘casual’ or ‘perfunctory,’” he wrote. Instead, they “diligently considered the evidence presented by both sides,” he concluded. The commission meets Wednesday at 7 p.m., and its agenda includes consideration of the case, “including possible modification of the approval resolution.”



Part of the 16-acre tract where a Farmington developer wants to build a three-story apartment complex near UConn Health. COURANT FILE PHOTO

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ing a Tax on Marijuana or any Controlled Substance Produced, Transported, or Acquired by a Dealer,” was enacted by the legislature in 1991, one of a spate of laws enacted in Hartford and elsewhere in the country in response to the drug-fueled violence then tearing up U.S. cities. Not surprisingly, few, if any, drug dealers bought tax stamps, perhaps because they, like many state and federal drug prosecutors, didn’t know they were under a legal obligation to inform the state about their plans to illegally acquire and sell drugs. Police agencies and prosecutors can refer drug dealers who don’t comply to the tax department, where they can tax assessments eight times the value of their inventories. That is what happened to Weinberg. He claims his tax obligation — with its wage garnishment, asset seizure and real estate attachment — was so onerous, he couldn’t support himself legitimately after getting out of prison and enrolling in college. Impoverishment, he said, forced him back to drug dealing and eventually to prison — twice. Weinberg was convicted

of a drug offense in 1998 and, while in prison in 2002, learned from the tax department that he was being assessed more than \$60,000. Upon release in 2004, Weinberg said in his suit “he attempted to turn his life around, attending college, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, getting a job, and avoiding folks who had historically had a bad influence on him.” When a wage garnishment left him with less than \$200 a week to live on, he said he returned to drug dealing to make ends meet and, predictably, was arrested and convicted again in 2010. By then, penalties and interest more than doubled the tax assessment to \$124,344.38. In his suit against the state tax department, Weinberg argued that the law was drafted more to punish drug dealers than raise revenue and by punishing them twice for the same offense, it violates the Constitution’s protection against double jeopardy. Should the tax department stop enforcing the law, it will hardly be noticed in a state which raised more than \$18 billion from taxes in fiscal 2020. Collections under the law over recent years have been inconsequential — \$10,000 in fiscal 2021, \$33,000 in fiscal 2020 and \$50,000 the year before that.

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PLAY4 DAY

6 3 8 8 WB: 3

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PLAY4 NIGHT

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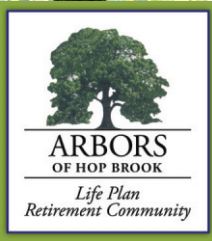
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Guns

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“This time is different,” Blumenthal said. “Never before in the last 30 years have so many Republicans been at the table — not just the 10 [senators] who have signed onto this agreement, but others who have expressed interest and who have agreed to talk.”

Blumenthal added, “No one should assume right now that this will be a slam dunk.”

While mass school shootings gain nationwide headlines from Texas to Connecticut, individual shootings continue to have devastating effects in cities like Hartford, Bridgeport,

and New Haven.

“We get caught up in Uvalde. We get caught up in Newtown,” said Rev. Henry Brown, a longtime gun violence opponent in Hartford who co-founded Mothers United Against Violence. “But I want to remind you that Black and brown kids have been murdered every day.”

While the U.S. Senate compromise does not take major steps like banning assault weapons or demanding universal background checks, Brown said it represents a step forward.

“It’s a small victory, but a victory nonetheless,” he said.

Standing near Blumenthal, Murphy, and gun control advocates, Brown

said, “Don’t forget about the urban community in this movement.”

The breakthrough on gun control came after the mass shootings at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket, where 10 shoppers and workers were killed, and an elementary school in Texas, where 19 students and two educators were killed.

Soon after the Texas shooting, Murphy made an impassioned plea on the U.S. Senate floor — immediately gaining attention after begging his colleagues to take action. For the past three weeks, Murphy and Blumenthal worked around the clock on a compromise with Republican colleagues, including U.S. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas.

The package calls for increased funding to help states implement “red flag” laws that involve temporarily taking guns away from people who are in danger of harming themselves or others. A law that was enacted in Florida after the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneham Douglas High School in Parkland in 2018 has since been used thousands of times in an attempt to prevent suicides and homicides, lawmakers said.

The red flag law was created in Connecticut in 1999 by state Rep. Arthur O’Neill and others after a 35-year-old state lottery employee shot and killed four senior lottery officials before killing himself in 1998. Since Connecticut’s

law was enacted, at least 19 other states and Washington, D.C. have adopted similar laws.

Connecticut expanded its law to allow family members and medical professionals to raise a “red flag” that would provide evidence to a Superior Court judge to issue a risk protection order and seize firearms. The expansion includes concerns raised by household members and professionals such as doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, clinical social workers and physician assistants.

Jeremy Stein, a former prosecutor who serves as executive director of Connecticut Against Gun Violence, said the nation has

a chance to make substantial progress on gun safety.

“I really don’t want to talk to more parents whose children have been murdered by inaction in Congress,” Stein told reporters. “This could have stopped after Columbine, after Sandy Hook, after Aurora, after Parkland, after Ethan [Song] was killed. ... Now is the moment. ... We need to do something.”

“We have an opportunity. Let’s take advantage of that. ... Maybe this is the time that Congress will finally realize what we’ve already known right here in Connecticut — that gun laws work.”

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The proposed adult-use cannabis shop, in foreground at left, is proposed for the corner of Arch Street and Columbus Boulevard. The shop would be east of the Arch Street Tavern and a new apartment building. DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Cannabis

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“As a person that came from Hartford, I think that maybe this is something that will be beneficial — no, I don’t say maybe — I know it is going to be beneficial,” Gibbs said.

Gibbs said the shop will attract more visitors to the city and will boost foot traffic. More visitors will benefit restaurants that have struggled in the aftermath of the pandemic. The city will reap 3% of sales for its coffers, Gibbs said.

“It’s a home run,” Gibbs said.

Gibbs is the chief executive of Change Inc., a Middletown-based homeware and behavioral health provider. His business is not involved in the plans for the shop. He declined to identify his partners.

The city’s planning and zoning commission will hold a virtual hearing today on the proposal for the 2,500-square-foot building at 89 Arch St. A decision is not expected for at least a month.

The state legalized the use of recreational marijuana last year and is now reviewing plans for licenses for specific businesses.

More proposals for recreational marijuana shops in Hartford are certainly on the way. The city recently received one for Parkville, across from the Parkville Market.

Stirring opposition

While the city’s department of development services is recommending approval of the Arch Street proposal, the Capital Region Development Authority, the quasi-public agency that oversees Front Street and the convention center, strongly opposes the plans.

Anthony Lazzaro, CRDA’s general counsel, said Monday the Adriaen’s Landing area is focused on family-oriented entertainment and is under certain restrictions. Those restrictions prohibit cash-checking, pawn shops, firearms sellers, businesses that offer sexually-explicit materials, liquor stores and head shops.

Lazzaro said tenants in the area, including the Marriott hotel, the University of Connecticut’s Hartford regional campus, the original Front Street developer, Greenwich-based HB Nitkin Group, and CRDA have signed agreements that prohibit the restricted uses.

The former pizzeria is clearly within the Adriaen’s Landing district, Lazzaro said.

“One of the primary findings of the commission on Tuesday night is that it has to be consistent with the other businesses in the district,” Lazzaro said. “So, if you look at the 33-acre Adriaen’s Landing district, of which [this] is a part, it is prohibited in every other single parcel.”

‘So for there to be a finding that this some-



Michael Costelli, general manager of the Connecticut Convention Center, is seen in a reflection of a window as he walks around 89 Arch St. at Hartford’s Front Street district. The building is being considered for what could be Hartford’s first cannabis retail shop.

how consistent with the district, it sort of strains credibility, Lazzaro said.

Lazzaro said a recreational marijuana shop has the potential to hurt convention center bookings that are heavily supported by events geared to families, sports and religious organizations.

“We don’t oppose the cannabis store going somewhere else in Hartford, including perhaps at one of our other locations,” Lazzaro said. “CRDA has lots of other properties in the city. We just don’t think the Front Street district is the appropriate location.”

Peter J. Christian, Nitkin’s, managing director and general counsel, echoed in an email Monday that the proposed shop was inconsistent with the development goals of Front Street and the wider, Adriaen’s Landing.

“The use off the parcel in question should be in keeping with those same development goals,” Christian wrote.

The Science Center of Connecticut, just north of the convention center, did not have immediate comment Monday. UConn declined to comment. The neighboring Arch

Street Tavern couldn’t be reached.

CRDA also is concerned about shop patrons and employees using the nearby Front Street garage. The garage was partly financed with federal funds, and use and sale of marijuana under federal laws remains illegal.

Gibbs said he believes the opposition is rooted in the stigma still attached to cannabis and “folks prejudgment of what this is going to look like and who the customers will be and a lot of that stuff.”

Another question, Gibbs said, is whether patrons will be consuming what is sold on the premises.

“Absolutely not,” Gibb said. “The same as with a liquor store. You don’t buy a bottle of vodka and crack it open right in front of the store, right?”

The partners plan to purchase the Arch Street building.

In its report recommending the adult-use cannabis shop, the city’s developmental service department said the proposal met recently-adopted regulations for such businesses.

City development staff note Gibbs and his

partners plan to use a pre-order and appointment system during the first month of operation to ease crowds that could queue up outside the building. Security also will be stepped up in the early days of operation.

The hours of operation would be Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Patrons would have to be 21 to make purchases.

The recommendation for approval notes that “staff finds the adult-use cannabis industry is a new and innovative industry that could drive tourism into the city.”

Increased tourism and encouraging entrepreneurship would be consistent with the city’s broader plans to the cultivate an atmosphere of innovation that expand economic development and attract more visitors to Hartford, the recommendation said.

Gibbs said he and his partners believe they have a good shot at winning a license because they have applied as social equity applicants, allowing them to bypass the lottery system.

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# Jan. 6 panel sinks teeth into ‘big lie’

Trump ‘detached from reality’ over election, Barr says

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press

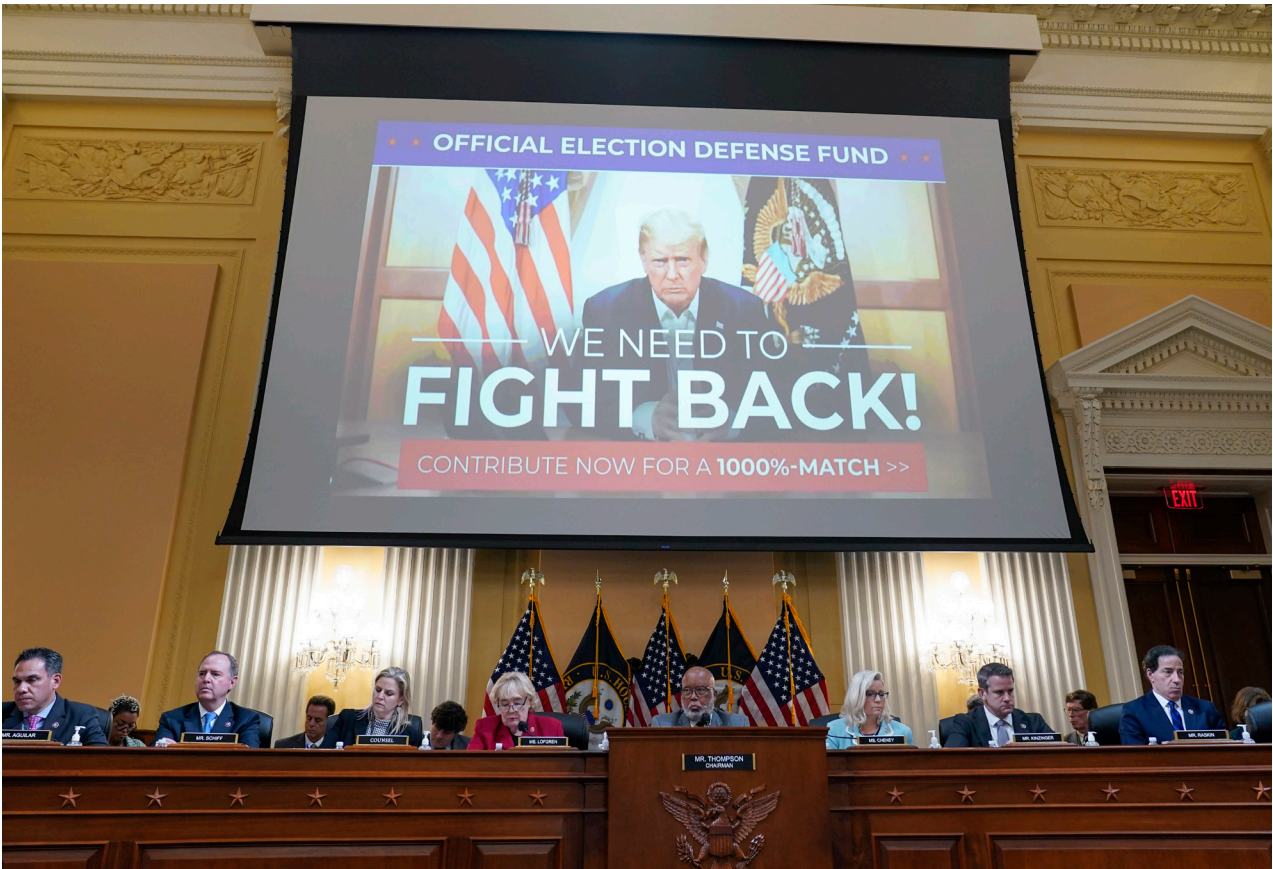
WASHINGTON — Donald Trump’s closest campaign advisers, top government officials and even his family were dismantling his false claims of 2020 election fraud ahead of Jan. 6, but the defeated president was becoming “detached from reality” and clinging to outlandish theories to stay in power, the committee investigating the Capitol attack was told Monday.

On election night itself, Trump was “growing increasingly unhappy” and refusing to accept the results as they came in, former campaign manager Bill Stepien said in testimony played before the House panel.

Son-in-law Jared Kushner tried to steer Trump away from attorney Rudy Giuliani and his far-flung theories of voter fraud that advisers believed were not true. Trump would have none of it.

The back-and-forth intensified in the run-up to Jan. 6. Former Justice Department official Richard Donoghue recalled breaking down one claim after another — from a truckload of ballots in Pennsylvania to a missing suitcase of ballots in Georgia — and telling Trump “much of the info you’re getting is false.”

“He was becoming detached from reality,” former Attorney General William Barr said, who called the voting fraud



A video exhibit of former President Trump plays as the House select committee reveals its findings Monday. SUSAN WALSH/AP

claims “bull---,” “bogus” and “idiotic,” and resigned in the aftermath. “I didn’t want to be a part of it.”

The witness testimony was shown as the House committee focused on the “big lie,” Trump’s false claims of voter fraud that fueled the defeated Republican president’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election and provoked a mob of his supporters to lay siege to the U.S. Capitol.

The panel also provided new information about how Trump’s fundraising machine collected some \$250 million in the aftermath of the November election to keep fighting, mostly from small-dollar donations

from Americans.

One plea for cash went out 30 minutes before the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

“Not only was there the big lie, there was the big ripoff,” Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., said.

Chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., opened Monday’s hearing saying Trump “betrayed the trust of the American people” and “tried to remain in office when people had voted him out.”

As the hearings play out for the public, they are also being watched by one of the most important viewers, Attorney General Merrick Garland, who must decide whether his department

can and should prosecute Trump. No sitting or former president has ever faced such charges.

“I am watching. I will be watching all of the hearings,” Garland said Monday at a news briefing at the Justice Department. “I may not be able to watch all of it live, but I’m sure I will be watching all of it, and I can assure you the Jan. 6 prosecutors are watching all of the hearings as well.”

President Joe Biden was getting updates but not watching “blow by blow,” said White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre.

Stepien was to be a key in-person witness Monday

but backed out of appearing because his wife went into labor.

Stepien, who is still close to Trump, had been subpoenaed to appear. He is now a top campaign adviser to the Trump-endorsed House candidate, Harriet Hageman, who is challenging committee vice chair Liz Cheney in the Wyoming Republican primary.

The panel marched ahead after a delayed scramble, showing recorded testimony from the Republican aides as Trump latched on to repeated false claims about the election although those closest told him the theories of stolen ballots or rigged voting machines were not

true.

Stepien and senior adviser Jason Miller described how the festive mood at the White House on election night turned as Fox News announced Trump had lost the state of Arizona to Biden, and aides worked to counsel Trump on what to do next.

But he ignored their advice, choosing to listen instead to Giuliani, who was described as inebriated by several witnesses. Giuliani issued a general denial Monday, rejecting “all falsehoods” he said were being said about him.

Stepien said, “My belief, my recommendation was to say that votes were still being counted, it’s too early to tell, too early to call the race.”

But Trump “thought I was wrong. He told me so.”

Barr, who had also testified in last week’s blockbuster hearing, said that Trump was “as mad as I’d ever seen him” when the attorney general later explained that the Justice Department would not take sides in the election.

Monday’s hearing also featured live witnesses, including Chris Stirewalt, a former Fox News Channel political editor who declared on election night that Arizona was being won by Biden.

Also appearing was the former U.S. attorney in Atlanta, BJay Pak, who resigned after Trump pressured Georgia state officials to overturn his defeat. Trump wanted to fire Pak as disloyal, but Pak stepped down after Trump’s call became public in which he urged Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to “find” enough votes to overturn Biden’s win in the state.

# Inspection gap found at baby formula plants

COVID-19 behind FDA pulling safety workers from field

By Matthew Perrone  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. regulators have historically inspected baby formula plants at least once a year, but they did not inspect any of the three biggest manufacturers in 2020, according to federal records reviewed by The Associated Press.

When they finally did get inside an Abbott Nutrition formula plant in Michigan after a two-year gap, they found standing water and lax sanitation procedures. But inspectors offered only voluntary suggestions for fixing the problems and issued no formal warning.

Inspectors would return five months later after four infants who consumed powdered formula from the plant suffered bacterial infections. They found bacterial contamination inside the factory, leading to a four-month shutdown and turning a festering supply shortage into a full-blown crisis that sent parents scrambling to find formula and forced the U.S. to airlift products from overseas.

The gap in baby formula plant inspections, brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, is getting new scrutiny from Congress and government watchdogs investigating the series of missteps that led to the crisis. A recent bill would require the Food and Drug Administration to inspect infant formula facilities every six months. And the government’s inspector general for health has launched an inquiry into the FDA’s handling of Abbott’s facility, the largest in the U.S.

Abbott resumed production at the plant early this month under a legally binding agreement with the FDA, but the shutdown and nationwide shortage exposed how concentrated the industry has become in the U.S., with a handful of companies accounting for roughly 90% of the market.

As COVID-19 swept across the country in early 2020, the FDA pulled most of its safety inspectors from the field, skipping thousands of routine plant inspections.

The FDA did conduct more than 800 “mission critical” inspections in the first year of the pandemic, the agency said in a statement. Regulators selected facilities for inspections based

on whether they carried a specific safety risk or were needed to produce an important medical therapy.

Only three of the nation’s 23 facilities that make, package or distribute formula made the cut. The FDA resumed routine inspections in July 2021.

The inspection records reviewed by the AP show gaps as large as 2 ½ years between FDA’s 2019 inspections and when regulators returned to plants owned by the three leading formula manufacturers: Abbott, Reckitt and Gerber.

The FDA still has yet to return to one key plant owned by Reckitt and two owned by Gerber, according to agency records. All those facilities are operating around the clock to boost U.S. formula production.

“The FDA would have had more chances to catch these issues if they’d been inspecting during the pandemic,” said Sarah Sorscher, a food safety specialist with the Center for Science in the Public Interest. She acknowledged the difficult trade-off the FDA faced in pulling its inspectors.

Baby formula manufacturers were “consistently identified as a high priority during the pandemic,” and



A proposed bill would require the FDA to inspect infant formula plants every six months. Above, scarce baby formula on the shelves of a grocery May 10 in Carmel, Ind. MICHAEL CONROY/AP

there is currently no backlog of inspections, the agency told the AP in response to inquiries about the gaps. The agency said it skipped about 15,000 U.S. inspections due to COVID, but it has made up 5,000 of those, exceeding its own goals.

Under current law, the FDA is only required to inspect formula facilities every three to five years, but the agency has inspected facilities annually — until the pandemic.

“Our top priority now is addressing the urgent need for infant formula in the U.S. market, and our teams

are working night and day to help make that happen,” FDA stated.

But outside experts say the gap in inspections speaks to a blind spot in the government’s response effort, successful at preventing shortages of drugs and other medical supplies. FDA Commissioner Robert Califf says regulators knew shutting down Abbott’s plant would create supply problems, but there was little evidence of urgency between when inspectors shuttered the plant in February and recent emergency measures to allow more

imports from abroad.

Longtime food safety specialists see a deeper problem at the highest levels of the FDA, where physicians and medical scientists for decades have prioritized oversight of drugs and medical products over food.

“It’s very challenging for them to get engaged at all in this area because they don’t have the background, the knowledge and the experience in it,” said Steven Mandernach, executive director of the Association of Food and Drug Officials, which represents state-level inspectors.

# High court rejects bond hearings for immigrants facing deportation

By David G. Savage  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that immigrants being held for deportation have no right to seek their release on bond, regardless of how long they may be held.

The justices ruled unanimously that federal immigration law calls for holding noncitizens who returned illegally to the United States and generally “removing”

them within 90 days. They may be detained longer if they have pending claims, the court said, but they do not have a right under the law to go free on bond.

“There is no plausible construction of the text of (immigration law) that requires the government to provide bond hearings before immigration judges after six months of detention,” said Justice Sonia Sotomayor, speaking for the court in Johnson v. Arteaga-Martinez.

She said Antonio Arteaga-Martinez, a citizen of Mexico, had entered this country illegally four times. He said he was beaten by a gang in Mexico and fled north for safety. He was held in Pennsylvania for deportation but filed a claim for asylum.

After six months of detention, a federal judge and the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled he could be released on bond.

In a second, related 6-3

decision, the high court also overturned the 9th U.S. Circuit Court in San Francisco, which upheld broad, “classwide injunctive relief” that required bond hearings for those who had been held for deportation for more than six months in Seattle and San Francisco.

The Biden administration appealed that ruling.

In overturning it, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. said a 1996 immigration law “bars classwide relief” for noncitizens who are held by the

government. He said federal judges are limited to deciding individual claims.

This time, Sotomayor dissented and said the ruling goes beyond bond hearings and will leave “lower federal courts powerless to issue classwide injunctive relief ... which will leave many vulnerable noncitizens unable to protect their rights.”

Justices Elena Kagan and Stephen Breyer agreed.

In recent years, the more conservative court has cut

back on the power of judges to extend leniency to immigrants who are fighting deportation. The justices have done so by strictly interpreting provisions that Congress adopted in 1996.

At issue in the background of both cases was a 2001 decision in which the court said it would be unconstitutional to hold a noncitizen indefinitely with no hearing and no chance to be released on bond. Judges have cited that ruling to justify bond hearings after six months.



WORLD & NATION

S&P 500 plunges into bear market

Losses accelerate as inflation fears, rising rates spook investors

By Stan Choe  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street tumbled into what’s called a bear market Monday after fears about a fragile economy and rising interest rates sent the S&P 500 more than 20% below its record set early this year.

The index sank 3.9% in the first chance for investors to trade after getting the week-end to reflect on the stunning news that inflation is getting worse, not better.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was briefly down more than 1,000 points before finishing with a loss of 876.

At the center of the sell-off again was the Federal Reserve, which is scrambling to get inflation under control. Its main method to do that is to raise interest rates in order to slow the economy, a blunt tool that risks a recession if used too aggressively.

With the Fed seemingly pinned into having to get more aggressive, prices fell in a worldwide rout for everything from bonds to bitcoin, from New York to New Zealand. Some of the sharpest drops hit what had been big winners of the easier low-rate era, such as high-growth technology stocks and other former darlings of investors.

Tesla slumped 7.1%, and Amazon dropped 5.5%. GameStop tumbled 8.4%.

“The best thing people can do is to not panic and don’t sell at the bottom,” said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research, “and we’re probably not at the bottom.”

Some economists are speculating the Fed on Wednesday may raise its key rate by three-quarters



Trader Peter Tuchman works Monday on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange. EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AP

of a percentage point. That’s triple the usual amount and something the Fed hasn’t done since 1994.

No one thinks the Fed will stop there, with markets bracing for a continued series of bigger-than-usual hikes. Those would come on top of some discouraging signals about the economy and corporate profits, including a record-low preliminary reading on consumer sentiment soured by high gasoline prices.

The economy is still holding up overall, but the danger is that the job market and other factors are so hot that they will feed into higher inflation. That’s why the Fed is in the midst of a whiplash pivot away from the record-low interest rates it engineered earlier in the pandemic, which propped up stocks and other invest-

ments amid hopes of juicing the economy.

Wall Street’s sobering realization that inflation is accelerating, not peaking, is also sending U.S. bond yields to their highest levels in more than a decade. The two-year Treasury yield shot to 3.36% from 3.06% late Friday in its second straight major move. It earlier touched its highest level since 2007, according to Tradeweb.

The 10-year yield jumped to 3.37% from 3.15%, and the higher level will make mortgages and many other loans more expensive. It touched its highest level since 2011.

The higher yields mean prices are tumbling for bonds, a relatively rare occurrence in recent decades. They’re also a particularly painful hit for older and more conservative investors who depend

on them as the safer parts of their nest eggs.

The gap between the two-year and 10-year yields has also narrowed sharply, a signal of weakening optimism about the economy. When the two-year yield tops the 10-year, an unusual occurrence, some investors see it as a sign of a looming recession.

Some of the biggest hits came for cryptocurrencies, which soared early in the pandemic as ultralow rates encouraged some investors to pile into the riskiest investments. Bitcoin tumbled more than 14% from a day earlier and dropped below \$23,400, according to Coindesk. It’s back to where it was in late 2020 and down from a peak of \$68,990 last year.

On Wall Street, the S&P 500 fell 151.23 points to 3,749.63 and dropped 21.8%

below its record set early this year to put it into what investors call a bear market.

Bears hibernate, so bears represent a market that’s retreating, said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA. In contrast, Wall Street’s nickname for a surging stock market is a bull market, because bulls charge, Stovall said.

The S&P 500 has lost nearly 9% in just three days. That’s its worst such stretch since the earliest days of the coronavirus crash in March 2020. The Dow lost 876.05, or 2.8%, to 30,516.74 on Monday, and the Nasdaq composite dropped 530.80, or 4.7% to 10,809.23.

The coronavirus crash in early 2020 was Wall Street’s last bear market, and it lasted only about a month.

Michael Wilson, a strategist at Morgan Stanley who’s

been among Wall Street’s more pessimistic voices, is sticking with his view that the S&P 500 could fall to 3,400, even if the economy avoids a recession over the next year.

That would mark another 9% drop from the current level, and Wilson said it reflects his view that Wall Street’s earnings forecasts are still too optimistic.

With soaring price tags souring sentiment for shoppers, even higher-income ones, Wilson said in a report that “the next shoe to drop is a discounting cycle” as companies try to clear out built-up inventories.

Such moves would cut into their profitability, and a stock’s price moves up and down largely on two things: how much cash a company generates and how much an investor will pay for it.

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WORLD & NATION

GOP candidates attacking Big Tech

To fire up midterm voters, hopefuls tap into resentment

By Sam Metz  
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Shortly after launching his campaign last year for the Republican nomination in Nevada's U.S. Senate race, Sam Brown got into a scrape with Twitter.

A Purple Heart recipient who was severely burned by an IED blast in Afghanistan, Brown posted a picture of himself saluting while in uniform along with the words "Freedom Isn't Free."

After he filed for the Senate seat three days later, he said his post was flagged with a "potentially sensitive content" warning that would require Twitter users to click or tap on the post to confirm they want to view it.

Twitter explained the restriction by pointing to Brown's account settings, which the company has said he could adjust.

Regardless of what triggered the label, it gave Brown a powerful opportunity to tap into the resentment toward large technology companies that increasingly courses through the Republican Party.

"Either my face, my scars were sensitive or the fact that someone would salute in uniform our American flag or, most likely, this came just a few hours after I filed to run for Senate," Brown told Fox News at the time. "As a Republican, we're very used to seeing censorship happen on the Big Tech platforms."

As the primary season moves forward this week with contests in several states including Nevada, that sense of persecution is animating the GOP effort to retake control of the Senate.

Brown's GOP opponent, former state Attorney General Adam Laxalt, frequently knocks "censor-



GOP Senate nominee J.D. Vance of Ohio has warned Big Tech companies are going to "destroy our nation." JOE MAIORANA/AP

ship of speech" as "one of the most onerous threats to our free democracy." In Ohio, Senate Republican nominee J.D. Vance has warned that Big Tech companies are going to "destroy our nation."

And in his controversial 11-point plan to "rescue" America, Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, who leads the GOP effort to regain the Senate majority, threatens legal action against social media companies that "censor speech and cancel people."

The GOP offensive comes as Elon Musk, the wealthiest person in the world, has engaged in a back-and-forth pursuit of purchasing Twitter, articulating a philosophy aligned with many Republicans who argue that the social media efforts to blunt misinformation and propaganda have stifled conservatives from expressing their views.

Musk has said he would

allow Donald Trump to rejoin the platform. The former president's account was locked after he helped spark the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6, 2021.

For voters confronting inflation, rising gas prices and gun violence, it's unclear whether concerns about the role of large technology companies will resonate broadly this year. But it feeds a sense of animosity among some of the GOP's most loyal voters, who remain angry that social media platforms barred the spread of vaccine and election misinformation and that Twitter limited the circulation of stories about Hunter Biden's laptop before the 2020 election over fears that it was disinformation from Russia.

Since then, no evidence has emerged of any Russian connections to the laptop.

"Big Tech is just doing what it wants to do and

wants to go along with the liberals on taking our country and making this 1984," former teacher William Holden of Gardnerville, Nevada, said at a Republican Party event in rural Nevada.

The 73-year-old was referencing the dystopian novel by George Orwell about a society where "Big Brother is watching you" and the "Thought Police" monitor the ideas in people's minds.

Despite such sentiment, a recent report by New York University researchers is one of several studies that have found no evidence of political bias dictating content moderation decisions on major platforms. NYU researchers noted that many conservative voices thrive on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Tech insiders in Washington and Silicon Valley remain largely unclear on how exactly Republicans

plan to combat disinformation or implement new rules on how social media moderates content if the party succeeds in flipping the U.S. Senate.

"There is a constituency that tracks Elon Musk: contrarian voters who are tired of being bossed by Silicon Valley. But anti-tech rhetoric on the campaign trail or Twitter, no matter how hot it gets, will not magically transform into meaningful public policy outcomes in D.C.," said Niki Christoff, a tech industry veteran and former GOP campaign operative.

Laxalt, the presumptive front-runner in Nevada's Republican Senate primary, refers to technology companies as agents of the radical left and "wokeness," along with the media, academia and Hollywood.

In April, he told a crowd of supporters gathered in Las Vegas that Musk's planned

purchase was a "big win" over "radical Big Tech monopolies that have been stifling conservative free speech."

"To watch all these Twitter employees in their cry rooms because, 'Oh, my God, Elon Musk has pledged to allow an open, robust debate,' is really something to behold," he said.

Beyond Nevada, Republicans in Arizona and Ohio have also adopted Big Tech attacks as rallying cries, even when the candidates themselves have ties to Silicon Valley.

In Arizona, Blake Masters, a former venture capitalist running for the U.S. Senate with Trump's backing, said Musk's proposed \$44 billion purchase of Twitter would be a win for both free speech and "election integrity" — a phrase Republicans have used to raise questions about the legitimacy of U.S. elections, specifically Trump's defeat, despite a coalition of top government and industry officials declaring the 2020 election to be "the most secure in American history."

"Beyond Elon, we need a suite of new policies, from treating the major social media companies as common carriers to writing a Digital Bill of Rights to requiring transparency and oversight of Google's search algorithm," he said in a statement.

In Ohio, Vance, who previously worked in the tech industry, parlayed a question about transgender kids participating in youth sports into an attack on Google, accusing the company of elevating search engine results that call into question traditional gender roles.

"If we don't go after the Big Tech companies, we might win a battle here and there, but the tech companies are going to destroy our nation and what it is to be a human being in this country," he said at a GOP debate before he won his primary.



People protest and question the disappearance of Indigenous expert Bruno Pereira and British journalist Dom Phillips on Monday in Atalaia do Norte, Brazil. EDMAR BARROS/AP

Search continues for pair missing in Brazil's Amazon

By Fabiano Maisonnave  
Associated Press

ATALAIA DO NORTE, Brazil — The search for an Indigenous expert and a journalist who disappeared in a remote area of Brazil's Amazon continued Monday following the discovery of a backpack, laptop and other personal belongings submerged in a river.

The items were taken by Federal Police officers by boat to Atalaia do Norte, the closest city to the search, and police said Sunday they had identified the items as belonging to the missing men, including a health card and clothes of Bruno Pereira, the Brazilian Indigenous expert.

The backpack, which was identified as belonging to freelance journalist Dom Phillips of Britain, was found tied to a tree that was half-submerged, a firefighter told reporters in Atalaia do Norte. It is the end of the rainy season in the region and part of the forest is flooded.

Paulo Marubo, president of local Indigenous association Univaja, for which Pereira was an adviser, said search parties from the

army, navy, Federal Police, Civil Defense, firefighters and Military Police were working in the area where the belongings were found.

Federal police issued a statement Monday denying media reports the men's bodies had been found. Last week, police found organic matter of apparent human origin in the river, which has been sent for analysis. They haven't detailed what the material is, but President Jair Bolsonaro told local radio Monday that it was "human viscera."

Police have also reported finding traces of blood in the boat of a fisherman who is under arrest as the only suspect in the disappearance.

Search teams had concentrated their efforts around a spot in the Itaquai river where a tarp from the boat used by the missing men was found Saturday by volunteers from the Matis Indigenous group.

Pereira, 41, and Phillips, 57, were last seen June 5 near the entrance of the Javari Valley Indigenous Territory, which borders Peru and Colombia. They were returning by boat on the Itaquai to Atalaia do

Norte but never arrived.

Hundreds of people from several Indigenous groups took to Atalaia do Norte's narrow streets to protest the pair's disappearance Monday.

With traditional garments, bows and arrows and mobile phones, they carried placards criticizing Bolsonaro, who is widely seen as an opponent of Indigenous rights.

The Javari Valley has seven known Indigenous groups — some only recently contacted, such as the Matis. The valley also has at least 11 uncontacted groups, making the region the largest concentration of isolated tribes in the world.

Officially, the Indigenous territory has a population of about 6,300 people. Many of them live in the small urban center so their children can attend non-Indigenous public schools. They also go to the city to seek medical treatment and collect federal benefits.

That area has seen violent conflicts between fishermen, poachers and government agents. Violence has grown as drug trafficking gangs battle for control of waterways to ship cocaine.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Police examine over 12,000 killings in Russian invasion

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi  
Associated Press

BUCHA, Ukraine — The lush green beauty of a pine forest and singing birds contrasted with the violent deaths of newly discovered victims of Russia's war in Ukraine, as workers exhumed bodies from another burial site near Bucha on Kyiv's outskirts.

The hands of several victims were tied behind their backs.

The gruesome work of digging up the remains coincided with the Ukrainian police chief's report that authorities have opened criminal investigations into the killings of more than 12,000 people since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24.

Workers in white hazmat suits and wearing masks used shovels to exhume bodies from the soil of the forest, marking each section with small yellow numbered signs on the ground. The bodies, covered in cloth and dirt, attracted flies and were dragged by rope.

"Shots to the knees tell us that people were tortured," said Andriy Nebytov, head of the Kyiv regional police. "The hands tied behind the back with tape say that people had been held (hostage) for a long time and (enemy forces) tried to get any information from them."

Since the withdrawal of Russian troops from the region at the end of March, the authorities say they have uncovered the bodies of 1,316 people.

The horrors of Bucha shocked the world after Russian troops left. The mass grave that reporters saw Monday was just behind a trench dug out for a military vehicle. The bodies of seven civilians were retrieved. Two of the bodies were found



A member of an extraction crew takes a break Monday as workers exhume bodies from a mass grave near Bucha, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine. NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

with their hands tied and gunshot wounds to the knees and head, Nebytov said.

National police Chief Igor Klimenko told the Interfax-Ukraine news agency that criminal investigations into the deaths of more than 12,000 Ukrainians included some found in mass graves. He said the mass killings of people resulted from snipers firing from tanks and armored personnel carriers. Bodies were found on streets, in homes and in mass graves. He didn't specify how many were civilian or military.

Complete information about the number of bodies in mass graves or elsewhere isn't known, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the American Jewish Committee on Sunday.

Zelenskyy, who is Jewish and lost relatives in the Holocaust, asked:

"Why is this happening in 2022? This is not the 1940s. How could mass killings, torture, burned cities and filtration camps set up by the Russian military in the occupied territories resembling Nazi concentration camps come true?"

In related news: ■ Mexican President Andrews Manuel Lopez

Obrador's president slammed NATO's policy on the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Monday, calling it "immoral."

Lopez Obrador did not mention NATO or the United States by name, but his comments were the latest example of his party's ambiguous stance on the invasion.

Mexico has voted to condemn the invasion, but refused to join in sanctions on Russia.

Lopez Obrador said the allies' policy was equivalent to saying: "I'll supply the weapons, and you supply the dead. It is immoral."

■ NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said he was "glad" the Swedish government has confirmed its "readiness to address Turkey's concerns as part of assuming the obligations of future NATO membership."

After decades of military non-alignment, Russia's war in Ukraine pushed Finland and Sweden to apply to join NATO in May. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, however, accuses the Nordic nations of supporting Kurdish militants deemed by Turkey to be terrorists and has vetoed their entry into the alliance until they change their policies.



WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

UK finds 104 more cases of monkeypox as outbreak spreads

From news services

LONDON — British health officials have detected another 104 cases of monkeypox in England in what has become the biggest outbreak beyond Africa of the normally rare disease.

The U.K.'s Health Security Agency said Monday that there were now 470 cases of monkeypox across the country, with the vast majority in gay or bisexual men.

Scientists warn that anyone, regardless of sexual orientation, is susceptible to catching monkeypox if they are in close, physical contact with an infected person or their clothing or bed sheets.

According to U.K. data, 99% of the cases have been in men and most are in London.

In May, a leading adviser to the World Health Organization said the monkeypox outbreak in Europe and beyond was likely spread by sex at two raves in Spain and Belgium.

Last week, WHO said 1,285 cases of monkeypox had been reported from 28 countries where monkeypox was not known to be endemic.

No deaths have been reported outside of Africa. After the U.K., the biggest numbers of cases have been reported in Spain, Germany and Canada.

WHO said many people in the outbreak have "atypical features" of the disease, which could make it more difficult for doctors to diagnose. The U.N. health agency also said while close contact can spread monkeypox, "it is not clear what role sexual bodily fluids ... play in the transmission."

Meanwhile, countries in Africa have reported more than 1,500 suspected cases, including 72 deaths from eight countries. Monkeypox is considered endemic

in Central and West Africa.

**Infected again:** President Joe Biden's top health official has again tested positive for COVID-19, less than a month after he came down with virus symptoms while on a trip to Germany.

U.S. Health Secretary Xavier Becerra woke up with symptoms again Monday and tested positive afterward, spokeswoman Sarah Lovenheim said.

His symptoms are mild and he is isolating in Sacramento, California.

Also, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tested positive for COVID-19 for a second time just days after he met with President Joe Biden.

The positive test comes after he met with Biden and other leaders at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles. Biden took a "family photo" with Trudeau on Friday and met with him Thursday.

Trudeau also tested positive in January.

**Supreme Court ruling:** The Supreme Court ruled Monday that Native Americans prosecuted in certain tribal courts can also be prosecuted based on the same incident in federal court, which can result in longer sentences.

The 6-3 ruling is in keeping with an earlier ruling from the 1970s that said the same about a more widely used type of tribal court.

The case before the justices involved a Navajo Nation member, Merle Denezpi, accused of rape. He served nearly five months in jail after being charged with assault and battery in what is called a Court of Indian Offenses, a court that deals exclusively with alleged Native American offenders.

Under federal law Courts



**UK deportation plan:** Protesters opposed to a British government plan to deport asylum-seekers of various nationalities to Rwanda voice their opinions Monday outside High Court in London. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's office said the first deportation flight would go ahead as scheduled Tuesday after an appeals court refused to block the policy. **ALASTAIR GRANT/AP**

of Indian Offenses can only impose sentences of generally up to a year. Denezpi was later prosecuted in federal court and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He said the Constitution's "Double Jeopardy" clause should have barred the second prosecution.

But the justices disagreed. The Biden administration had argued for that result as had several states, which said barring federal prosecutions in similar cases could allow defendants to escape harsh sentences.

**WWII soldier:** The remains of an Ohio soldier killed while fighting in France during World War II have now been positively identified, Defense Department officials announced Monday.

Pfc. Sanford Keith Bowen, 26, of Ashland, was part of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. The unit that was attempting to secure terrain near Reipertswiller, France, in January 1945 when they

were surrounded by German forces, officials said.

Only two men from his company made it through German lines, and the rest were captured or killed. Bowen's body could not be immediately recovered due to the heavy fighting.

Historians with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency said their scientists used anthropological analysis to identify Bowen.

Bowen will be buried July 22 in Shiloh.

**Israeli coalition:** A member of Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's party said Monday he would cease voting with the governing coalition, dealing yet another blow to the teetering government as it marks one year in office.

Nir Orbach, a lawmaker with the religious-nationalist Yemina party, was the latest member of the ruling alliance to abandon support in the Knesset, Israel's parliament.

A trickle of defections and rebellions in recent weeks has left Bennett's coalition of

eight divergent parties without a clear majority to pass legislation, raising questions about how long it can survive.

Bennett's government was sworn in last June after four deadlocked elections that were largely referendums on longtime leader Benjamin Netanyahu's fitness to rule while on trial for corruption.

Bennett's coalition ranges from dovish liberals to hawkish ultranationalists and a small Islamist faction. They are united in their opposition to Netanyahu but have little else in common.

**Burkina Faso violence:** Gunmen killed at least 55 people over the weekend in northern Burkina Faso, authorities said Monday, the latest attack in the West African country where mounting violence is blamed on Islamic extremists.

Suspected militants targeted civilians in Seytenga in Seno province, government spokesman Wendkouni Joel Lionel Bilgo said at a news conference. While

the government put the official toll at 55, others put the figure far higher.

Attacks linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group are soaring in Burkina Faso, particularly in the north. Jihadists killed at least 160 people in an attack in the town of Solhan in June 2021.

**Star survey:** The European Space Agency released a trove of data Monday on almost 2 billion stars in the Milky Way, collected by its Gaia space observatory in an effort to create the most accurate and complete map of our galaxy.

Astronomers hope to use the data to understand better how stars are born and die, and how the Milky Way evolved over billions of years.

The new data includes new information such as the age, mass, temperature and chemical composition of stars. This can be used, for example, to determine which stars were born in another galaxy and then migrated to the Milky Way.

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## Inflation dims likelihood Fed can stick ‘soft landing’

By Christopher Rugaber  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For months, Chair Jerome Powell has held out hope that the Federal Reserve will be able to raise interest rates high enough to throttle rampant inflation without tipping the economy into recession.

Yet with the Fed set to announce another sharp interest rate hike after it meets this week, days after the government issued a scorching inflation report, the likelihood that the central bank can engineer a “soft landing” appears to be dimming.

With inflation at a four-decade high of 8.6%, Fed officials are likely this year to boost borrowing rates even higher than was expected just weeks ago.

The central bank may also signal, when its policy meeting ends Wednesday, the possibility of raising rates to a level that could weaken growth — elevating the risk of a recession.

Some economists now even think the Fed may decide to surprise the financial markets this week by raising its benchmark short-term rate by three-quarters of a point, for the first time since 1994, rather

than the half-point that Powell had signaled last month.

Wall Street traders have priced in a 30% likelihood of such a drastic move, according to the CME Group.

Even if an economic downturn can be avoided, it’s almost inevitable, analysts say, that the Fed will have to inflict some pain — most likely in the form of higher unemployment — as the price of defeating stubbornly high inflation.

“They need to accept the fact that you can’t fight inflation without imposing some pain on the markets and the economy,” said Ethan Harris, head of global economic research at Bank of America. “They shouldn’t coddle the markets by kind of implying that there’s no major issue here, we’re going to have a soft landing for the economy, I think it’s too late for that. We have to have a hard landing.”

The prospect that the Fed will accelerate its credit tightening, further raising borrowing costs for households and businesses, drove the stock market sharply lower Monday.

Fed officials, as a group, were slow last year to recognize how persistent inflation would be, believing instead that widespread

price spikes would likely prove temporary. They are now acting forcefully to try to make up for their initial delay.

If, on Wednesday, the policymakers raise their benchmark short-term rate by a half-point — double the usual size — for a second straight time, the rate would rise to a range of 1.25% to 1.5%.

Another half-point hike is considered likely at the Fed’s meeting in late July.

The officials have left some ambiguity about what they might do after that, at their meeting in September.

But after Friday’s inflation report showed no sign of the easing that had been expected, most analysts now foresee another half-point hike in September. And economists at Goldman Sachs say they expect what would be a fifth half-point hike in November.

Inflation has now seeped into nearly every corner of the economy, with prices jumping in May for everything from rents to airline tickets to used cars to clothing to medical services.

Spiking oil prices, stemming from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, have sent the national average for a gallon of gas above \$5, according to AAA.

## Crypto prices sink after lender halts moves

By Ken Sweet  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies crumbled Monday after a major cryptocurrency lender effectively failed and halted all withdrawals from its platform, citing “extreme market conditions.”

It’s the latest high-profile collapse of a pillar of the cryptocurrency industry. These meltdowns have erased tens of billions of dollars of investors’ assets and spurred urgent calls to regulate the freewheeling industry.

Bitcoin was trading at roughly \$23,400 Monday, down more than 16% in the past day. Ethereum, another widely followed cryptocurrency, was down more than 20%. Investors have been selling riskier assets such as digital currencies and technology stocks as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to combat high inflation.

On Sunday, the cryptocurrency lending platform Celsius Network announced that it was pausing all withdrawals and transfers between accounts in order to “honor, over time, withdrawal obligations.”

Celsius, with roughly 1.7 million customers and more than \$10 billion in assets, gave no indication in its announcement when it would allow users to access their funds.

In exchange for customers’ deposits, the company pays out extremely generous yields, upward of 19% on some accounts. Celsius takes those deposits and lends them out to generate a return.

Lending platforms such as Celsius have come under scrutiny recently because they offer yields that normal markets could not support, and critics have called them effectively Ponzi schemes.

The stablecoin Terra imploded in early May, erasing tens of billions of dollars in a matter of hours.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Study: Oil profits soaring in Russia

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine triggered global condemnation and tough sanctions aimed at denting Moscow’s war chest. Yet Russia’s revenues from fossil fuels, by far its biggest export, soared to records in the first 100 days of its war on Ukraine, driven by a windfall from oil sales amid surging prices, a new analysis shows.

Russia earned what is likely a record \$97 billion in revenue from exports of oil, gas and coal in the first 100 days of the country’s war with Ukraine, according to data analyzed by the Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air, a research group based in Helsinki.

About two-thirds of those earnings came from oil, and most of the remainder from natural gas. Fossil fuel exports have been a key enabler of Russia’s military buildup.

## Bid for Buffett lunch at \$2.3M

OMAHA, Neb. — Bidding for a final, private lunch with Warren Buffett, an event that has raised tens of millions for a California charity, has reached \$2.3 million.

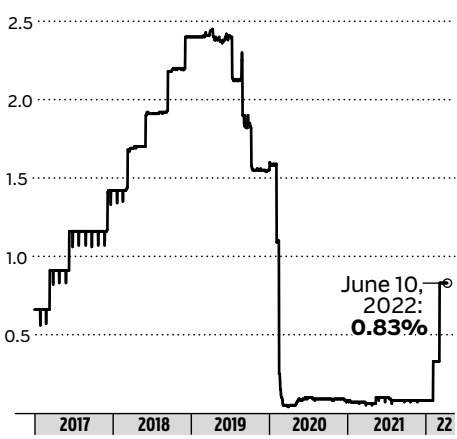
It will be the first private lunch offered with the billionaire since a record-setting bid in 2019. The past two auctions were called off due to the pandemic and Buffett said this will be the last.

The online auction that raises money to support the Glide Foundation’s work to help the homeless in San Francisco began Sunday and continues through Friday night. Buffett has raised nearly \$34.5 million for Glide since the auction began in 2000.

The biggest bids don’t usually come until closer to the end of the eBay auction. Bidding during the last event reached \$4,567,888.

## Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

TNS



The Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle Brewery, in Neuzelle, Germany, bottles 80% of the beer it produces. PATRICK JUNKER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## German bottle cost explodes

Nation’s brewers in a lather, pleading for return of billions of empties now in circulation

By Melissa Eddy  
The New York Times

Stefan Fritsche, who runs a centuries-old German brewery in Neuzelle, near the Polish border, has seen his natural gas bill jump a startling 400% over the past year. His electricity bill has increased 300%. And he is paying more for barley than ever before.

But the soaring inflation for energy and grains in the wake of the Ukraine war is no match for the biggest challenge facing Fritsche’s brewery, Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle, and others like it across Germany: a severe shortage of beer bottles.

The problem is “unprecedented,” Fritsche said. “The price of bottles has exploded.”

The issue is not so much a lack of bottles. Germany’s roughly 1,500 breweries have up to 4 billion returnable glass bottles in circulation — about 48 for every man, woman and child.

Customers pay a surcharge of 8 euro

cents on each bottle, and get that money back when it is returned.

While the returnable-bottle system is climate-friendly and appeals to Germans’ obsession with recycling, it comes with one major problem: getting people to return their empties.

Dragging a crate — or several — of empty bottles back to a store can be a hassle, even if it means getting back the deposit fee. So people tend to let them stack up, in basements or on balconies of apartments, biding their time until they are running out of either space or spare cash.

“It is deadly for small brewers,” Fritsche said. The brewery he runs sells 80% of its beer in bottles — in 2003, a recycling law was expanded to focus on reducing waste in the beverage industry, meaning most beer sold for the domestic market is in returnable bottles, not cans.

Holger Eichele, who heads the national brewers’ association, has taken to the airwaves and social media in recent weeks to urge Germans to return their empty bottles. Beer makers don’t want to run short of bottles as summer approaches.

The war in Ukraine has exacerbated the problem, making it more difficult and expensive for brewers to buy new bottles.

While brewers buy glass from a number of countries in Europe, the war has caused glass factories in Ukraine — an important supplier — to cease operation. Sanctions have cut off supply from Russia and Belarus.

The price of bottles produced elsewhere has reached record levels of 15 to 20 euro cents each, because glassmaking involves huge levels of heat, and energy prices have soared.

Breweries without long-term supply contracts are seeing a price increase of more than 80% for new glass bottles, the German Brewers’ Association said.

A recent article in Germany’s biggest-circulation newspaper, Bild, proclaimed that “Germany is running out of beer bottles,” sending shock waves through the country and leading Eichele to run damage control to prevent panic buying.

“We do not see any danger that beer production will have to be curtailed,” he insisted. “To put it bluntly, supplies to consumers are secure.”

Still, the industry is facing a broad variety of problems, including a shortage of truck drivers and high fuel costs. “It is becoming increasingly difficult for breweries and the beverage trade to maintain the supply chain,” Eichele said.

## SKorea: Truckers’ strike costs \$1.2B in damages

By Hyung-Jin Kim  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A weeklong strike by thousands of truckers in South Korea has triggered major disruptions in cargo transport and production that have caused \$1.2 billion in damages, officials said Monday.

An extended strike may eventually worsen the global supply chains already battered by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and China’s pandemic curbs. But the strike’s impact has so far been largely limited to South Korea’s domestic industry. With the world’s 10th largest economy, the country hasn’t reported any major disruption of exports of key items like semiconductors.

The fourth round of negotiations between the striking truckers and government officials Sunday failed to reach a deal. Transport Ministry officials said they would seek to continue talks, but the Cargo Truckers Solidarity said Monday it has no plans to resume the negotiations.

At the center of the dispute is the truckers’ calls for a minimum wage guarantee amid surging fuel prices. It wasn’t known what derailed Sunday’s talks, but the truckers’ association said the government refused to accept its calls for “a more active position” on the minimum wage demand.

The Transport Ministry said about 6,600 truckers were rallying Monday in 14 locations across South Korea. But the Cargo Truckers Solidarity said a far larger number

of truckers were refusing to work.

South Korea’s auto, steel, petrochemistry, cement and other sectors have been hit hard by the strike.

Factories couldn’t produce 5,400 cars as scheduled due to a delay of deliveries of components. The planned shipping or delivery of 450,000 tons of steel, \$390 million worth of petrochemicals, 810,000 tons of cement and 640,000 tires have also been put off, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy said in a statement.

But the ministry said that South Korea’s cargo transport disruption hasn’t reached a level that threatens global supply chains.

Observers said some companies ordered supplies in advance in anticipation of the strike.



BUSINESS



An explosion at an LNG terminal near Houston has markets rattled. Above, a worker prepares to fill up a tank April 2 in George West, Texas. **MARIE D. DE JESUS/HOUSTON CHRONICLE**

Blast at Texas LNG terminal delivers big jolt to fuel market

By Cathy Bussewitz  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An explosion at a liquefied natural gas terminal in Texas is taking a substantial amount of the fuel off the market at a time when global demand is soaring.

Freeport LNG will be offline for at least three weeks, the company said, following a fire in its export facility. The company said no one was injured in last week's explosion, and the cause is under investigation.

Melanie Oldham, who lives in Freeport, south of Houston, said she heard three bangs Wednesday and went outside to see what was going on.

"It makes me feel like we are daily living with high risk of explosion, release of gas, public health issues for not only us in Freeport, but for all the people who go to those big beaches on Quintana Island," said Oldham, a physical therapist and co-founder of Citizens for Clean Air and Clean Water of Freeport and Brazoria County. "We don't know what could have been released into the air or even

the water."

A fire in the LNG terminal's liquefaction delivery system led to excess emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds, according to an incident report filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Longtime Freeport resident Gwendolyn Jones, 63, said she was about a mile or two from the facility when she saw a white cloud hovering over it after the fire. She was concerned that Freeport residents weren't evacuated or warned about the incident by local authorities and thought nearby residents should be given respirators to help reduce the risk of inhaling dangerous fumes.

"We should have meetings where we could discuss issues to make sure that this would never ever happen again because I'm afraid of what's going to happen next," Jones said.

Normally, Freeport LNG exports about 2 billion cubic feet of liquefied natural gas per day, about 15% of the nation's LNG exports.

The shutdown comes at a time when global demand for LNG is high because many nations are trying to wean themselves off Russian gas, which is sent into Europe primarily through pipelines. U.S. exports have been soaring.

Most of Freeport LNG's exports were going to Europe, according to Rystad Energy. Europe may be able to offset the lost volume with increases from other facilities, said Emily McClain, vice president at Rystad. Europe gets about 45% of its LNG from the U.S., and the rest comes from Russia, Qatar and other sources, she said.

Freeport LNG sells gas to a mix of buyers, Asian utilities and commodities traders, and "those buyers will no longer be getting deliveries from Freeport until the facility is fixed," said Ross Wyeno, lead analyst at S&P Global Commodity Insights.

Wyeno said it's unlikely that other LNG terminals around the world can increase production to pick up the slack because "everybody's pretty much maxed out if they can be."

Zimbabwe battling hoax as well as skyrocketing prices

By Farai Mutsaka  
Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Battling rampant inflation, Zimbabweans are counting their toes as they struggle to buy food for their families.

An internet rumor blazed through the country that desperate people were selling their toes for cash. The false report became so widespread that Kindness Paradza, the African country's deputy minister of information, visited street vendors in Harare this month to debunk it.

Traders took off their shoes to show that they had all 10 toes, as Zimbabwe's state media recorded the digital investigation.

Paradza declared the toes-for-money story a hoax, as did local and foreign fact-checkers. Police later arrested a street vendor who now faces a fine or 6 months in jail on charges of criminal nuisance for allegedly starting the story.

But it's true that Zimbabweans are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Since the start of Russia's war in Ukraine, Zimbabwe's inflation rate has shot up from 66% to more than 130%, according to official statistics. The war is blamed for rising fuel and food prices.

The war has exacerbated rising inflation rates around the world. Consumer prices in the 19 European Union countries that use the euro currency surged a record 8.1% in May as energy and food costs climb. Turkey approached Zimbabwe's eye-watering prices, with inflation reaching 73.5% in May, the highest in 24 years.

In Zimbabwe, the impact of the war in Ukraine is heaping problems on the already fragile economy. The war "coupled with our historical domestic imbalances, has created chal-



As a toes-for-cash hoax flourished, street vendors remove their shoes to show their toes Thursday in the Zimbabwean capital city of Harare. **TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/AP**

lenges in terms of economic instability seen through the currency volatility and spilling over into price volatility," Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube told Parliament in May.

Teachers "can no longer afford bread and other basics, this is too much," tweeted the Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe in early June. The three largest teachers' unions are demanding the government pay their salaries in U.S. dollars because their pay in local currency is "eroded overnight."

"Because of high inflation, the local currency is collapsing," said economic analyst Prosper Chitambara.

"Individuals and companies no longer trust the local currency and that has put pressure on the demand for U.S. dollars. The Ukraine war is simply exacerbating an already difficult situation."

Many fear Zimbabwe could return to the hyperinflation of 2008. At that time, plastic bags full of 100 trillion Zimbabwe dollar banknotes were not enough to buy basic groceries.

The economic catastrophe forced then-President Robert Mugabe to form a "unity government" with the opposition and adopt a multi-currency system in 2009 in which U.S. dollars and the South African rand were accepted as legal tender.

The U.S. dollar continues to dominate with prices in local currency often benchmarked to the rates for the American currency on the flourishing illegal market, where most individuals and companies get their foreign currency.

Many Zimbabweans who earn in local currency such as government workers are forced to source dollars on the illegal market, where exchange rates are soaring, to pay for goods and services that are increasingly being charged in U.S. dollars.

The once-prosperous country's economy is battered by years of de-industrialization, corruption, low investment, low exports and high debt. Zimbabwe struggles to generate an adequate inflow of greenbacks needed for its largely dollarized local economy.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

DOWN

30,516.74 -876.05

10-YR T-BOND

3.37% +.22

GOLD

\$1,828.00 -43.50

33,280

31,820

30,360

38,000

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10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 30,516.74

Change: -876.05 (-2.8%)

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
<b>FUELS</b>			
Crude Oil (bbl)	120.93	120.67	+60.79%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.61	8.85	+130.80%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	4.04	4.17	+81.09%
<b>METALS</b>			
Gold (oz)	1,828.00	1,871.50	+0.03%
Silver (oz)	21.24	21.91	-8.97%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates		
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx	CLOSE	PREV. WK.	
Britain	1.2140	.8238	Prime rate	4.00 4.00
Canada	.7765	1.2879	3-mo. T-Bill	1.76 1.25
China	.1480	6.7546	6-mo. T-Bill	1.26 1.74
Euro	1.0426	.9592	5-yr T-Note	3.56 3.03
Japan	.007447	134.28	10-yr T-Note	3.37 3.03
Mexico	.048884	20.4568	30-yr T-Bond	3.37 3.19

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,427.03	-334.80	-2.43%	-15.47%
London	7,205.81	-111.71	-1.53%	-2.42%
Hong Kong	21,067.58	-738.60	-3.39%	-9.96%
Nikkei	26,987.44	-836.85	-3.01%	-6.27%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AT&T Inc (T)	19.76	-.93	-19.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	86.99	-7.83	-39.5	
AeroClean Tech Inc (AERC)	17.25	+4.75	+64.8	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	103.67	-5.98	-37.8	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.32	-1.39	-25.8	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	65.22	-2.33	-25.4	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.02	-.51	-23.0	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	131.88	-5.25	-25.7	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.26	-1.53	-9.3	
Bank of America (BAC)	32.02	-1.15	-28.0	
Barnes Group (B)	32.89	-2.04	-29.4	
Bluebird Bio Inc (BLUE)	4.27	+.54	-57.3	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1979.32	-125.64	-17.5	
Borqs Technologies (BRQS)	.21	+.01	-43.5	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	73.58	-1.51	+18.0	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	90.89	-2.28	-11.9	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.91	-1.14	-50.7	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	36.49	-.85	-32.7	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	454.47	-19.72	-30.3	
Cigna Corp (CI)	242.23	-11.06	+5.5	
Citigroup (C)	45.69	-2.02	-24.3	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	40.20	-1.43	-20.1	
Day One Pharma (DAWN)	14.96	+8.34	-11.2	
Disney (DIS)	95.71	-3.69	-38.2	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	101.15	-3.49	-20.6	
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.31	-.04	-91.9	
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	11.06	-.58	+34.4	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	21.39	-.75	-18.6	
Eversource Energy (ES)	83.90	-4.13	-7.8	
Exela Technologies (EXLA)	.15	-.01	-83.0	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	95.85	-4.61	+56.6	
Ford Motor (F)	11.81	-.94	-43.1	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.30	-.46	-36.5	
G Medical Innov Hldg (GMVD)	.65	+.31	-61.1	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	217.53	-7.10	+4.3	
Gen Electric (GE)	67.72	-3.51	-28.3	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.43	-.28	-65.9	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	66.09	-2.19	-4.3	
Hillstream BioPharma (HLSA)	1.35	+.58	-51.4	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	184.42	-1.86	-11.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.42	-.50	-28.3	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.79	-.10	-63.2	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	17.85	-.48	-29.5	
Intel Corp (INTC)	37.77	-1.41	-26.7	
Kaman (KAMN)	35.31	-.93	-18.2	

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
Keycorp (KEY)	17.39	-.38	-24.8	
Kinross Gold (KGC)	4.24	-.29	-27.0	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	47.74	-3.38	-30.1	
M&T Bank (MTB)	162.39	-3.45	+5.7	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	28.63	-3.15	-36.2	
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	164.26	-11.31	-51.2	
MetLife Inc (MET)	61.04	-2.43	-2.3	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	242.26	-10.73	-28.0	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.05	-.09	-79.9	
Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	11.55	-1.61	-44.3	
Novartis AG (NVS)	82.53	-2.53	-5.6	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	156.47	-13.27	-46.8	
Occid Petl (OXY)	59.83	-4.04	+106.4	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	71.10	-2.19	-18.3	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	7.64	-.62	-58.0	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	47.91	-2.06	-18.9	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.13	-.27	-37.7	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	94.25	-4.14	-12.9	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	63.10	-2.37	-5.4	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.95	-3.54	+6.8	
Redbox Entertainmt (RDBX)	15.27	+2.07	+106.1	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	255.34	-4.57	-6.5	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	57.78	-2.73	-29.5	
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	12.02	-1.26	-74.4	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.61	-.33	-64.5	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	8.60	-.50	+84.5	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	105.82	-4.14	-43.9	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	20.97	-1.29	-13.7	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.30	-.03	-48.1	
Terex Corp (TEX)	31.38	-2.60	-28.6	
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	647.21	-49.48	-38.8	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	167.71	-1.59	+7.2	
Uber Technologies (UBER)	21.57	-2.15	-48.6	
United Rentals (URI)	265.06	-15.16	-20.2	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	469.70	-14.93	-6.5	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	172.05	-9.95	-42.1	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	59.95	-2.52	-9.6	
Webster Financial (WBS)	44.35	-1.92	-20.6	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1200.46	-29.77	+18.4	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	63.85	+.21	+29.4	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	46.01	-3.47	-40.6	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	16.49	-1.34	-27.2	

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OP-ED

# Hardest part is ahead for Murphy, Uvalde

By Brendan Sharkey

By now, the parallels between the tragedies at Newtown, Connecticut, and Uvalde, Texas, have been well-documented. The shooters, the victims (including the shooters' family members), the weapons used, the school settings, the news coverage, the public's heartache — all are so similar that one might suggest that Uvalde was a copycat incident to Newtown were it not for the fact that the two massacres happened a decade apart.

Another parallel between the two is less apparent to the public but is happening right now in real time. As with Sandy Hook, there is hope for a bipartisan response to Uvalde, one that would include the same three elements that the Connecticut General Assembly addressed in its own legislative response in 2013: Mental health, school safety, and yes, gun safety.

Of course, a common denominator that bridges Newtown with Uvalde is U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy. Just weeks before being sworn in as Connecticut's junior senator, Chris was the sitting U.S. Congressman for the Fifth District, which includes Newtown. Chris was there at the firehouse when the families were told that their loved ones would not be coming from the school to meet them. And ever since Newtown, together with Sen. Richard Blumenthal and the rest of Connecticut's Congressional delegation, Chris has been the voice of conscience, demanding change to our country's ambivalence toward meaningful gun safety legislation.

So it's not surprising that Sen. Murphy is now leading that fledgling effort to reach a bipartisan agreement within the United States Senate. I, for one, am proud to see my friend and former colleague in such an important role.

But I also know that while the closed-door discussions happening right now in Washington are a good and necessary start, the hardest job facing Chris Murphy is simply to keep the parties at the table. In the immediate aftermath of Sandy



Mourners visit a memorial June 3 at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, created to honor the victims killed in the recent school shooting. ERIC GAY/AP

Hook, there was consensus from the public and politicians alike that Connecticut's legislative response must be bipartisan. Promises were made to that effect, and indeed, the public hearings and initial negotiations maintained that bipartisan tone.

But as time passed, the commitment toward reaching common ground began to wane. Before long, my Democratic colleagues began to argue that we shouldn't trust the Republicans to negotiate in good faith — that they would leave at the first sign of disagreement — and we should stop wasting time and run our own partisan bill instead. At the same time, the Republican leaders were feeling their own pressure to abandon the talks, in part from their rank-and-file members who didn't trust the

Democrats, as well as from their personal reality that any agreement involving gun safety would jeopardize their own political futures with their base.

In the end, what brought us to a successful result was the trust I placed in the Republican leaders, Sen. John McKinney and Rep. Larry Cafero, and the trust John and Larry placed in me. It was an intense and difficult negotiation as we debated and discussed the technical minutiae of every aspect of the legislation. Never far from collapse, the process was often a lonely one as we knew the eyes of the nation were on us and the external pressure to abandon the bipartisan approach became more intense with each passing week. But in the end, the trust we placed in each other overcame the

pressure and produced a truly bipartisan result that became a national model, one that now serves as the basis for the current negotiations in Washington.

I do not pretend to know what pressures face Sen. Murphy and his Republican colleagues who are now at the negotiating table. What I do know is that, as time passes and negative pressures mount, it will take tremendous skill for Chris to maintain the trust that will keep them there. For the sake of our children and our country, we should all wish him Godspeed.

*Brendan Sharkey is the former Speaker of the House in Connecticut who negotiated the bipartisan legislation in response to Sandy Hook.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### We don't need guns designed for rapid killing

Why did he do it? Was it a hate crime? Is he a terrorist? Did he need mental health services? A white supremacist? Did we miss the warning signs?

Answering these questions will do nothing to prevent the next shooting. At the moment, it's not who or why so much as how? With a gun.

We need leadership with imagination and political courage. So far, we don't have it. Fewer guns, fewer shootings. Ask yourself: Who needs a gun? Confine guns to military, police, registered guns for hunters, competitive shooters, collectors, qualifying farmers. Reread the Second Amendment. Follow the Australian example. Turn in the guns, regulate the rest. Eventually, millions of unnecessary guns would be withdrawn from circulation. The supply of guns designed for rapid killing would dry up. So would mass killings.

**Jeremiah Q. Schreyer, Hebron**

### Rennie focuses on political elite, not party

I found it interesting that Mr. Morgan's criticism of Kevin Rennie did not dispute one fact or defend any incident by state employees portrayed in any recent editorials by Kevin Rennie. Does this mean Mr. Morgan concedes the details and agrees that Mr. Rennie is correct in his reporting and conclusions? Instead, he seems to think we should all march in lockstep because we are a blue state. I have read Kevin Rennie's work for many years and found that he focuses on the political elite, whether they be Democratic or Republican. In Connecticut, 80% are Democrats so doesn't it make sense that this many of the articles are about Democrats and state government? Since Government Watch (Jon Lender) no longer appears in the Courant, Kevin Rennie is about the only independent voice. Should his column be removed, it will detract from the Hartford Courant's purpose.

**Ernie Judson, Durham**

OP-ED

# We need to make it difficult to weaponize people

By Karl E. Scheibe

The recent spate of mass shootings in the U.S. has produced a flood of outrage, fear and argument about how to account for these events and how we might control them.

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy was practically on his knees in the Senate asking what our nation might do to reduce the likelihood of incidents such as the reported killings of 21 people in Uvalde, Texas. I am in sympathy with Sen. Murphy. But I have reservations about the depth and scope of his proposals. Should we not seek to eradicate mass shootings in our nation — not just diminish their frequency? I then heard him refer to the difficulty of obtaining support for such weak proposals as making routine background checks or diminishing the supply of ghost guns. Too weak, I say.

The first point of thinking clearly about gun violence is that no amount of the display we saw at Uvalde, Texas, will ever be acceptable. We need to think about the fundamentals of this problem. Why is the United States uniquely troubled with gun violence? And why is this problem becoming worse, despite an overwhelming public interest in making our schools and streets and shops safe from gun violence? As a first step toward progress, let us recognize that what we are doing now is not satisfactory. Effective action toward the eradication of gun violence must be based on understanding what is wrong in our system and then we can work to fix it.

This first step of establishing a goal for the reduction of gun violence is of critical importance. The status quo is powerful and the forces for maintaining that status quo are massive, and only partially recognized. The NRA has been a force, as have lobbyists for the weapons industry. The manifest defeatism of Congress bespeaks a lack of will to change the status quo. As an organization, the NRA is in tatters — and yet the shadow of fear that it has generated remains a paralyzing force.

The easy availability of firearms such as the AR-15 is an open scandal. The only



An American flag along with white roses is seen in front of Robb Elementary School, where 19 children and two adults were killed May 24 in Uvalde, Texas. TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

reason for such a weapon is to kill human beings quickly. How could such a tool end up in the hands of an 18-year-old civilian? It is less trouble to buy an AR-15 than it is to buy a handful of cherry bombs. When I was a kid, I could buy fireworks easily, on the street or through the mail. Fireworks are still available, of course, but access is carefully regulated, and the accidental harm they produced a generation ago is a thing of the past. The need for effective laws to govern access to weapons is obvious. And the major barrier to the enactment of such laws is the self-fulfilling prophecy that such laws would be difficult to enact. The problem here is lack of will — a fatal weakness for our social fabric. Let us first believe that this can change.

Here are other examples of unclear thinking about gun violence: The Texas killings had no sooner been announced than reporters announced that authorities were investigating the background of the killer, with particular attention to his motive. Also, the mental status of killers

is automatically examined, based on the assumption that mad acts must be occasioned by the madness of the perpetrator. In fact, there is little benefit in seeking explanations for gun violence by examining the motives of the perpetrator. And it is simply a sham to operate on the belief that gun violence is a product of mental illness or deranged thinking. It does not help to examine motives or to think about mental illness as explanatory — there are clearly red herrings, obscuring the simple but unpleasant truths that commonly occur without a background of mental pathology.

Thinking that gun violence is a manifestation of mental illness is tantamount to explaining one mystery by inventing another. There is no warrant for thinking that gun violence might be reduced if the general level of mental health in our population were improved. The current population of the United States is a little less than 333 million. Despite or because of its hideous nature, gun violence in this huge population has an extraordinarily

low base rate of occurrence — certainly less than one such incident for every million people per year. In this mass of humanity, unaccountable and bizarre occurrences are inevitable. This trick is to make it less likely that these aberrations will result in deaths because weapons are so near at hand. We need to make it difficult to weaponize people.

The number of firearms in the United States exceeds the size of our population, reaching nearly 400 million, according to recent estimates. Per capita, we are easily the world leader in firearms.

What if we should take the task of eliminating gun violence seriously? The prime minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, recently provided us with a simple and compelling account of how New Zealand acted to remove assault weapons after a mass shooting in Christchurch in 2019. They instituted laws restricting purchase of assault weapons and instituted a buyback program for weapons currently in the country. The results have been gratifyingly positive.

Of course, New Zealand is a small and relatively homogenous country. Even so, I allow myself to imagine a swell of public courage in the United States that will result in a similar disarmament of our population. We will retain guns, as have New Zealanders, but they will be fewer in number and will be used for shooting at tin cans, or hunting, both of which I practiced in my youth.

We need to do whatever it takes to initiate such a popular movement and to establish it as a permanent part of our political and social lives. Life is not a charade. Once a child is dead, he or she will never live again. Once you are born, you have a right to life. Let us take this responsibility seriously. Fewer weapons will result in saved lives.

*Karl E. Scheibe is professor of psychology emeritus at Wesleyan University and a licensed clinical psychologist. He is author of eight books, including "The Drama of Everyday Life."*



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**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FARMINGTON 11 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**  
**CONTRACT NUMBER 2021B-09 INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Bids for construction of Contract Number 2021B-09, Farmington 11 Water Main Replacement will be received and safeguarded by The Metropolitan District, at the office of the District Clerk of the Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, Hartford, CT, 06103 until 2:00 PM (Local Time), July 13, 2022 and at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by online conference call. All interested parties may join either by this link, <https://themdc.webex.com/join/twseney>, OR by phone: (415) 685-0001, enter meeting # 2307 097 3386 to connect to the meeting.

The Work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fees, permits, and other related costs necessary to provide for the installation of 1400 feet of new 24-inch Water Main on Farmington Avenue, the replacement of water services, the abandonment of water main and the restoration of areas disturbed by the completion of the project along with support equipment and accessories as shown and specified. Bidders are directed to Section 01010 Summary of Work for specific details. The Work shall be located in the City of Hartford; in the State of Connecticut as shown on the Drawings and specified therein.

Contract documents may be obtained from The Metropolitan District's electronic procurement bidding system. Prospective Bidders must register at the web site; once registered, prospective bidders can download the bid package from the web site at <https://mdc.procurement.com/home>. The Contract documents can also be viewed in person at MDC Headquarters located at 555 Main St., Hartford, CT by making an appointment with the District Clerk's Office at 860-278-7850, Ext. 3207.

Each Bid shall be submitted in strict accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid.

The Bidder shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in Sewer and Water Lines from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut according to C.G.S. 4a-100, C.G.S. 4b-101, and C.G.S. 4b-91. Bidders shall submit with their Bids their DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate along with a current Update Statement. In addition, any named Subcontractor whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000 shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in the closest applicable Classification of the work that the Subcontractor will complete in the contract. The bidder must submit with their bid, all applicable Subcontractor DAS Prequalification certificates.

The Successful Bidder and each of its Subcontractors having subcontracts in value equal to or greater than \$500,000 shall maintain and keep current their respective DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificates at all times during the term of the Contract and any warranty period set forth in the Contract Documents.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for potential Bidders at June 2 2, 2022 at 10:00 am at MDC's PreBid Conference Room, 231 Brainard Rd., Hartford, CT. Prospective Bidders must attend this conference. All prospective Bidders are invited to ask questions to the District and/or the District's Agent(s) during this conference.

John S. Mittle District Clerk  
6/14/2022 7232132

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM JUNE 16, 2022**

A Public Hearing will be held in Hartford City Hall Council Chambers, 550 Main Street, 2nd Floor on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the NAA Proposals submitted to the City for next fiscal year funding. The location of the public hearing is wheelchair accessible. Language interpreter(s) and interpreters(s) for the hearing impaired will be made available if requested in advance.

The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) is a program of the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) designed to encourage funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses wishing to make cash contributions to qualifying entities. Up to \$5 million in tax credits will be made available in the State of Connecticut through the 2022 NAA program.

City Council approved NAA program proposals will be submitted to the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) before July 1, 2022.

On or about September 15, 2022, the State Department of Revenue Services will provide the City of Hartford with a listing of approved program proposals. Between September 15, 2022 and October 1, 2022 area businesses electing to support organizations with approved program proposals must complete and submit an NAA02 Application Form with the State Department of Revenue Services. Formal approval of any tax credits granted is expected from the Department of Revenue Services in January 2023.

For inquiries, please contact Ronnie Vazquez, NAA Liaison, at (860) 757-9284 or via email at [Ronnie.Vazquez@hartford.gov](mailto:Ronnie.Vazquez@hartford.gov).

The Neighborhood Assistance Act Program is authorized as per Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S., 12-631 - 12-638) and Public Act 95-268. 6/7-6/16/22 7227904

### TOWN OF ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Demolition of Structures at 19 Church Street and at 17 North Main Street June 14, 2022

Sealed proposals for the project named above will be received at the office of the Director of Finance until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Thereafter, proposals will be opened in public and read aloud or opened and read aloud pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders.

Specifications and proposal documents may be obtained from the Director of Economic & Community Development at telephone number (860) 253-6391 or the Town's website, [www.enfield-ct.gov](http://www.enfield-ct.gov). A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held starting at 19 Church Street on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 10:00 am.

The Town of Enfield reserves the right to accept or reject any, all, or any part of proposals, to waive formalities or informalities, and to make an award that is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

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John A. Wilcox  
Director of Finance  
EOE/AA  
6/14/2022 7231876

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### Notice of Permit Application Town: East Windsor

Notice is hereby given that EthosEnergy (the "applicant") of 64 Prospect Hill Road, East Windsor, Connecticut has submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection an application under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-174 for a permit to construct, install, enlarge, or establish an air contaminant source and to operate such air contaminant source regulated under the federal Clean Air Act. Specifically, the applicant proposes to construct and operate an Acid Strip Line. The proposed activity will take place at 64 Prospect Hill Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. The proposed activity will potentially affect air resources. Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from EthosEnergy, 66 Prospect Hill Road, East Windsor, Connecticut or calling 860-627-1979. The application will be available for inspection at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Engineering & Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, 5th floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, 860-424-4152, from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Please call in advance to schedule review of the application. 6/14/2022 7229433

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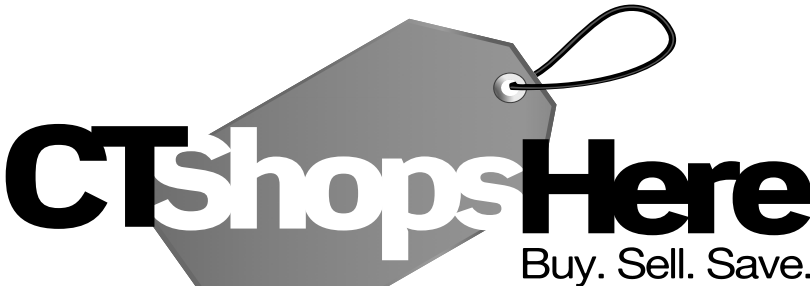
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\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Jenkins, Roger L

The family of a loving husband, father, and brother, are sad to share the passing of Roger L. Jenkins, 62, Baltic CT on May 28th, 2022 due to ALS. A final viewing will be 10-11:00am, Celebration of Life, 11am-12pm, with full military honors (USMC) at the Howard K. Hill Funeral Home, 94 Granby St., Bloomfield CT.

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Mischak, Marguerite Myers



Marguerite “Maggie” (Myers) Mischak, 76, of Collinsville, beloved wife of Michael S. Mischak, went home to be with the Lord, Jesus Christ, Thursday, June 9, 2022. Born in New Haven on October 19, 1945, daughter of the late Harry and Fausta (Radicioni) Myers, she grew up in Mystic, CT until they moved to Collinsville in 1955. She graduated from Canton High School in 1964 and earned her BA in Sociology from Central CT State University in 1968. She had been employed in the Administration offices at Central CT State and also spent 16 years working for the American Red Cross as a schedule coordinator. Although Maggie was legally blind, she never let her “disability” stop her from anything. She spent many hours volunteering at schools, nursing homes, the former Newington Children’s Hospital, and for organizations helping children and adults deal with blindness. She was a Girl Scout leader for her daughter’s troop for many years. She learned to play the guitar and loved playing for the Nursery Schools around town. Always caring about others needs before her own. She would almost always know who you were by just hearing your voice and always had a way to make anyone she spoke with feel special. The love for her family was profound. Spending time with her grandchildren was one of her favorite things to do, her “little lambs” as she called them. She loved singing and loved singing about the Lord, writing hundreds of poems and songs. The below is a poem she wrote and wanted to be read upon her passing.

NEW BEGINNING – by Maggie Mischak  
A new beginning will be for me, when I reach death’s portal to eternity. I’ll enter this realm only by God’s grace, When I can forever gaze upon His lovely face. The life I’ve lived here, I pray will reflect, Completely God’s glory, with no regret. In His presence will be fullness of joy! Will be able to hear and see, Oh boy! What a privilege to serve Jesus here on earth, which will render eternal treasures of unimaginable worth. So please join me in a forever bliss, will give you the way to accomplish this.

Besides her husband she leaves her daughter Sara Leah Mischak and her husband Jonathan Rogg of Collinsville; son Brian Mischak and his wife Rebecca of Torrington; her beloved grandchildren, Michael, Owen and Morgan Rogg and Hannah and Zachary Mischak; and her sister Michele Woodward (James) of New Hartford. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her twin sister Elaine Langley, and siblings Diane Marsden and Richard Bartolucci. She was a woman of strong Christian faith and an active member of Valley Community Baptist Church in Avon. Her family will receive friends Friday June 17, 2022 from 10:00AM-11:00AM followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon. Burial will be private in Village Cemetery, Collinsville at a separate time. Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice. For directions or condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](https://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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OBITUARIES

DeLuca, Erminia (D’Appollonio)



Erminia (D’Appollonio) DeLuca, 105, formerly of Hartford, loving wife of 46 years to the late Pietro DeLuca, peacefully passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022, in Jerome Home, New Britain. Her devoted family was at her side. Erminia was born in McKeesport, PA, May 13, 1917 (the Miracle of Fatima Day), second child of thirteen to the late Andrea and Giulia (Marrocco) D’Appollonio. She spent her early childhood in Pennsylvania, the family later returned to Lenola, Italy. She returned to the states as a young adult, moving to Connecticut. Prior to her retirement, Erminia was a dedicated employee for over 30 years with Roosevelt Mills. She was a member of the Cittadini Lenolese Club, as well as a faithful communicant of St. Luke Church, Hartford. Her greatest passion was her time spent with her family, and she enjoyed cooking, baking and knitting. She was loved by all who knew her. Erminia will be deeply missed by her devoted family: three daughters, Maria Labadia of Newington, Anne Bensch with husband William of Collegeville, PA, and Julia Broad with her husband Kenneth of Colchester; two brothers and their wives, Americo and Giulia D’Appollonio of West Hartford, and Mario and Mammela D’Appollonio of Lenola, Italy; three sisters, Filomena Catena of Rome, Italy, Concettina Panno and Emilia Antogiovanni of Lenola, Italy. In addition, she leaves her daughter-in-law, Marcella DeLuca, eight adored grandchildren and ten cherished great-grandchildren. Along with her husband and parents, Erminia was predeceased by two children, Joseph and Isa DeLuca, seven siblings, Elda Cardi, Assunta Davia, Pasqualino D’Appollonio, Aldo D’Appollonio, William D’Appollonio, Fulvio D’Appollonio and Rosina Mastrobattista and a son-in-law, Salvatore Labadia.

The family would like to thank the Jerome Home for the excellent care provided to our precious mom, who they lovingly called “Bella”. We would also like to thank Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice for their support. Friends and relatives may pay their respects to the DeLuca family on Thursday, June 16 from 9:00-10:15 AM at the D’Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. The Mass will be viewable via livestream at: <https://www.facebook.com/562223317445985>. Entombment will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108 or online at <https://donate3.cancer.org/>. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](https://www.desopofuneralchapel.com).



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Fisher, Norman



Norman Fisher, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, 93, of Vernon, a devoted father, and cherished husband and soul-mate of Corinne M. Fisher for more than 69 years, died peacefully at home on Saturday, June 11, 2022. He was born on March 28, 1929, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Libby) Fisher. Dr. Fisher grew up in Hartford and continued his education at Hillyer College (now University of Hartford) and Temple University. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951-1953, where he earned the National Defense Service Medal. He was a member of Congregation Beth Sholom B’nai Israel in Manchester. Norman was a member of many community service organizations, including River East Home and Health Services, Visiting Nurse and Community Care Board of Directors, Vernon Education Foundation, Vernon Historical Society, Friends of Rockville Public Library, Friends of Valley Falls, and as a committee member of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 14. He volunteered with his wife at the Bushnell Memorial theater for many years. He was also a longtime member and Past Master of Fayette Lodge # 69, A.F. & A.M. Dr. Fisher is survived by his wife, Corinne, his two sons, Steven Fisher and his wife Stacy of Westlake Village, CA, and Eric Fisher and his wife Irena of Oberrieden Switzerland. Norman’s love of children is reflected in his pride in his grandchildren: Michael Fisher and his wife Hannah and their son (great grandson) Samuel; Eric & Irena’s daughter Isabelle, and Aaron Fisher and his wife Teri. He is also survived by his nephews, Scott (Bev) and Barry (Sue) and their families, and by his sister-in-law, Nancy Messenger, and her family. Norman was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Sylvia Fisher, his two brothers-in-law, Arnold Messenger, and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Seymour and Elaine Lustig. Norman Fisher was grounded in his faith, his family, his country, and his community. He will always be lovingly remembered. The family extends its gratitude for all the caring assistance provided during Norman’s illness, especially by Dr. Richard Orris and Dr. Michael Sharon. Exceptional care was also provided by Vernon Visiting Nurse Hospice (Donna, Kathleen, and Colleen), Vernon Manor Rehab, and Personal Care Assistant Winsome Mitchell. Donations to a charity of your choice in Norman’s name would be most appreciated. Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon. Burial will follow at Knesseth Israel Cemetery in Ellington. For online condolences and guest book, please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](https://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Landry, Marie Florence (DuBois)



Marie Florence (DuBois) Landry, 91, of Windsor Locks, beloved wife of the late Seveny Landry, passed into eternal peace on Monday, June 6, 2022 at Touchpoints of Chestnut Healthcare in East Windsor. Born and raised in Fort Kent, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Laura (Babin) DuBois. Marie lived in the Windsor Locks community for most of her life and was a parishioner of St Mary Church. She leaves two daughters, Diane Hudgens and her husband Raymond of Jupiter, FL, Doreen Alfano and her husband Dennis of Windsor Locks, and two grandchildren, Derek Hudgens and his wife Stephanie, and Caitlin Hudgens. The family wishes to extend the deepest of gratitude to everyone at Touchpoints of Chestnut who provided kindness, compassion and excellent 24 hour care during her stay with them through the long journey of caring for our loved one living with dementia. Funeral services and burial are private. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.leetestevens.com](https://www.leetestevens.com).

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Robinson, John Lorrell



John Lorrell Robinson was born in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, on April 6th, 1952, to Joseph and Cynthia Robinson, who preceded him in death also his brother, Samuel Robinson. He attended Providence Primary School and Ardenne High School. After completing his education, he worked with the Gleaner Company in the Printing Department. He migrated to the United States in 1973 and resided in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1983, John had his only child, Amoy, and they were inseparable. He was employed at Standayne Automotive Company, and after many years of dedicated service, he retired. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed going to the race track. John, who recently recommitted his life to Jesus Christ, had a wonderful and unselfish soul. On his final days, while bed-ridden and in pain, he would tell family members how beautiful they were. He departed this life on June 7th, 2022. He leaves to mourn his loss his beloved daughter Amoy, sisters Marjorie Wanliss, June Douglas(Walder), Grace Robinson, Monica Baugh, brothers Edwin Robinson and Earl Robinson, nieces and nephews. Myrna Archer and her husband Errol Archer who were dedicated to him to the very end and a host of other relatives. His family will receive friends on Friday, June 17, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service at 11 a.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](https://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Gantick, Irene M.



Irene M. Gantick, 90, of Willington, CT passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2022 in the comfort of her home. She was born in Franklin, CT, daughter of the late Vincent and Pauline (Rozanski) Majchier. Irene is survived by her sweetheart and loving husband of 67 years, Raymond J. Gantick; three children, Michael Gantick and his wife Lisa, Matthew Gantick and his wife Cindy, and Cathleen Mittelsteadt and her husband Brad; seven grandchildren; Angela Dykon, Brian Gantick, Kelly Dubuc, Peter Drivas III, Alex Drivas, Jasper Gantick and Aleck Gantick; seven great grandchildren, Tyler, Emma, Caden, Jersey, Kannon, Kynlee and Luke will be here in September; several nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. She was predeceased by her brother, Vincent Majchier, and her sister, Florence Beausoleil. Irene was a 1949 graduate of Norwich Free Academy where she was crowned campus queen. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Eastern Connecticut University (formerly Willimantic Teachers College). She spent much of her teaching career in the Vernon School System at Vernon Elementary and Central Road School. She loved all her students as if they were her own.

Irene was a member of the Stafford VFW Aux Post 1990. She was previously a member of the Willington VFW Post 938 and served as president for many years. Irene started dating her husband Ray when they were 15 years old. They shared a passion for the outdoors. Fishing was one of their greatest pleasures. They fished throughout Alaska, the lower 48 states and Canada. Irene loved gardening, hiking, and spending time on their boat on the ocean. She also traveled throughout 9 European countries. One of Irene’s greatest joys was cooking and hosting her family for the holidays. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., with a funeral service beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. The family respectfully asks that those in attendance please wear a mask. Burial will follow the services at Willington Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Willington Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 194, Willington, CT 06279. To leave a message of sympathy for the family, or for directions, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](https://www.introvignefuneralhome.com).



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Zommer, Linda A. (Fabrizio)



Linda A. Zommer (Fabrizio), 77, of Barefoot Bay, Florida, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully with her daughters by her side, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Born in New Britain on May 4, 1945, she was one of five children to the late Michael and Helen (Vedeski) Zommer. Linda was a lifelong resident of Plainville, graduating from PHS in 1963, and was a retiree of UBI Credit Union, after many enjoyable years as their slightly aggressive and very effective collections manager. A member of the Plainville Campground Association where she leaves many friends, she kept her hometown close at heart while fulfilling her love for the beach and moving to Barefoot Bay three years ago. She had a passion for cooking and baking, loved a good martini, and was known for her month-long Christmas cookie and fudge making extravaganza every December. Island and beach vacations with her family and friends, along with annual winter trips to Aruba and St. Croix were highlights that she looked forward to, and her infectious silliness and carefree personality made her the most fun to be around. A devoted mother, “Bammy”, sister and friend, she will be missed dearly, leaving a legacy of love, laughter and many priceless memories. She leaves her daughters, Patricia (Fabrizio) Buehler and her husband Harold “Buddy” Buehler of Plainville; Dena (Fabrizio) Botsacos and her husband Peter of East Hampton; and her adored grandchildren, Chelsey Reed, Zachery Buehler, Griffin Botsacos and Paige Botsacos, and her great-granddaughter, Amelia Reed. She also leaves her beloved sisters and travel companions, Janet Vandrilla, her twin sister, Susan Cameron and her husband Gary, Frances Krysiak and her husband Alan and her sister-in-law Linda Zommer; along with many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her brother, Michael “Butch” Zommer. In lieu of flowers, Linda may be remembered with contributions to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org). Family and friends may gather in celebration of Linda’s life on Saturday June 25, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance will be shared at 12:00 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](https://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).



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LeMay, Lucille (Scavello)



Lucille (Scavello) LeMay, 89, of S. Windsor, for 74 years of East Hartford, beloved wife of 48 years to J. Roger LeMay passed away on Friday June 10, 2022 with her daughter by her side. She was born May 18, 1933 in Hartford Hospital, the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Cesarea (Gurciullo) Scavello, immigrants from Sortino Sicily. She had siblings; Ann (Ramondetta) who died in 1983, and Sebastian who died in 1943. Lucille attended Silver Lane School and East Hartford High School. She always lived in a family atmosphere and grew up with her sister Ann and nieces Virginia, Anne Marie, Jane (deceased). She loved to cook. Her family's fond memories include spaghetti dinners on Sundays and lively Thanksgiving feasts. Later in life, she made trips to the Caribbean, enjoying the easy paced days. She was an avid reader and loved crossword puzzles and trying new restaurants. She was always up for a trip to try a new type of cuisine or old favorites, especially a good deli sandwich or Thai food. Lucille enjoyed a long career of public service, starting with employment with the Connecticut State Police. She then continued her work, serving administration for the National Guard at both the state and federal levels. Her family was her pride and joy. She leaves a son; Joseph and daughter-in-law Megan of Redondo Beach, CA, her daughter; Lynn and son-in-law Sean Gillane of Windsor, three grandchildren; Jessica and husband Nate Gottlier, Patrick and fiancé Alayna Piotrowski, and Erin and partner Jason Kellogg and a great granddaughter Aidalyn. Her family wishes to thank her caregivers, Karen, Caren, Vivian, Franklina, Aisha, and Carina. Calling Hours for Lucille will be Wednesday June 15, 2022 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, CT 06108. Funeral services will start at the funeral home Thursday June 16, 2022 at 9:00am leaving for Church at 9:30am for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church, 15 Maplewood Ave., East Hartford, CT. 66108. Committal Services will be in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford CT at 11:00am. To sign the online guestbook go to [www.NewkirkandWhitney.com](http://www.NewkirkandWhitney.com). Donations in Lucille's memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or St. Mary's Church.

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Pehoviak, Gerald



Gerald Pehoviak, 83, of Amston, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022, at Marlborough Health & Rehab in Marlborough. Born December 20, 1938, in Webster, MA; he was the son of the late Howard and Stasia "Sally" Pehoviak. For over 40 years he worked at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford as a Systems Analyst, during his time there he met his future wife, Janice Patterson. Gerald later went on to work for Computer Science Corporation and worked as a consultant from home. He was an avid reader and in his spare time loved to watch his Boston sports teams, the Celtics, Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. During the winter months, he and Janice would travel to Stuart Florida to ride out the cold in comfort. He will be forever loved and remembered by his wife Janice Pehoviak; daughter Laurie and husband Dennis Doherty, son Chris and wife Heike Pehoviak, stepdaughter Cindy Call and stepson Vincent Jr. and wife Karen Patterson; sister Elaine Jean from Dudley, MA; grandchildren Matthew and wife Ashley, Cole, Kai and wife Victoria, Jan, Niels, Sr. and Niels, Jr., Lars, David and wife Serena, Joshua and wife Sarah, Daniel, Victoria and husband Andy; great granddaughters Ava and Getta, Amelia, Noah and Alice; niece and nephew Stephen and wife Susan Jean, and Andrea and husband Bob Krensky; and numerous other extended family and friends. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, from 3-5 PM at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home 167, Old Hartford Rd, Colchester, CT 06415, followed by a chapel service at 5 PM. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to a charity of one's choice. For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthy-funeralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthy-funeralhome.com)

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Baran, Marcia I.

On April 12, 2022 Marcia Baran passed away after a brief illness. Born in Hartford on September 28, 1944 she was the daughter of the late Esther and Saul Baran. She leaves behind her brother Richard Baran and his wife Carol of Vienna, VA, her niece Lauren Lang (Brian) of Bethesda, MD and her nephew Brian Baran (Emily) of Washington, DC. She had three grand nephews Jacob Lang, Lucas Lang and Matthew Baran.

A grave site service will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1 PM at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery in East Granby, CT. A memorial period will be observed Wednesday at 42 Lawler Road, West Hartford starting at 3:00 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Federation for the Blind.

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Bourgoin, Jeanette C.



Jeanette C. Bourgoin, 89, of Bloomfield, beloved wife of the late Raymond Bourgoin, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2022 at Avon Health Center. She was born in Fort Kent, ME on October 17, 1932 to the late Willard and Amanda (Therault) Charette. Jeanette was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and dear friend. She will fondly be remembered as a giving, caring, and compassionate woman whose family was the most important part of her life. More than anything, Jeanette loved family gatherings, holidays, and special events. She was an amazing cook, loved to bake, and was an avid gardener who was always proud of her manicured front lawn. Jeanette especially loved her Golden Retrievers, Ben, Murphy, and Murray. Jeanette is survived by her four children, Michael Bourgoin of Hahira, GA, Nancy Wontka and her husband Andrew of Bloomfield, Steven Bourgoin and his wife Cheryl of Valdasta, GA, and John Bourgoin and his fiancée Kellie Wagner of Somers; five cherished grandchildren, Jennifer Porter, Jason Bourgoin and his wife Andrea, Dennis Wontka and his wife Ali, Laura Mitchell and her husband Brandon, and Brendan Wagner, four great-grandchildren, Logan Porter, Averil Bourgoin, Axel Bourgoin, Emma Mitchell, and an expected great-granddaughter Kamryn Mitchell. She is also survived by her sisters Rowena Bernier and her husband Stewart, Lorraine Fortin and her husband James, and Glenda Johnston and her husband Richard, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Kenneth Bourgoin and her five brothers, Edmund, Donald, Harold, Lincoln, and Carroll Charette. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jeanette's memory may be made to Avon Health Center, 652 W Avon Road, Avon, CT 06001 or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

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Todd, Evelyn (Griswold)



Evelyn (Griswold) Todd, 86, passed away on Friday, June 10 in New Britain, CT. Evelyn was born in Hartford on May 11, 1936 to the late James Griswold and Helen Griswold Plucker. She is predeceased by her husband of almost 47 years, Raymond S. Todd Sr; her daughter, Rita (Todd) Nielsen and her brothers Glenn and James Griswold. She leaves behind four sons, Raymond Jr. of Springfield, Ronald (Kathy) of Coventry, Randolph (Cindy) of Windsor and Richard of Hartford; daughter, Ramona (Ambrose) Norman of East Hartford; brothers, Richard of Canton and Howard (Mary) of Southington; sisters, Glenda Robbins of San Diego, CA and Carol Hartz of Poland, New York; multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Before retirement Evelyn worked as a school crossing guard for the city of Hartford for 34 years. She loved her job and went above and beyond her call of duty. She was a member of the United Methodist church in Hartford in which she volunteered for the Foodshare program and a knitting group that made hats for newborn babies. Evelyn was a resident at Autumn Lake Healthcare for the past five years where she was well loved and referred to as "The Mayor" because of her happy demeanor, always smiling and hugging the staff and other residents. Calling hours are Wednesday, June 15th, 5:00-7:00 PM at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill, CT. A funeral service will be on Thursday at 11:00 AM also at Rose Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to The Alzheimer's association of CT [www.alz.org/ct](http://www.alz.org/ct). Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at [www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com).

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Thurston, Lynn (Varney)



A beloved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Lynn Varney Thurston, aged 71, passed Tuesday June 7th, 2022, with her daughters by her side. Lynn was a lifetime resident of Wethersfield, CT and graduate of Wethersfield High School class of 1968. Following her graduation, she attended Hanover Studio School of Modeling where she received her certification in modeling. Lynn's true passion and love was spending quality time with her family in Pittsford, Vermont. Lynn met the love of her life, Stephen, in December of 1979, of which she married 3 months later in February of 1980. Their love continued to flourish for another 42 years. Lynn dedicated her professional career to the Connecticut Department of Labor where she worked as a payroll officer for over 30 years. During this time she established friendships that would last a lifetime. Lynn will forever be remembered for her Swedish holiday smorgasbord, her love for horror movies, and her ever loving devotion to her grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, Lois and Norman Varney; brother, Guy T. Varney, Sr., and her forever faithful pup Sammy. Lynn is survived by her loving husband, Stephen E. Thurston of Wethersfield, and 2 daughters, Lisa Lynn May, and husband William, of Barrington, Rhode Island, and Erika Lynn Coffey, and husband Sean, of Rocky Hill; 9 adored grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Greta and Nina Gibbons; Harrison, Krissy and Abbey May; Caleb, Cohen, and Chloe Coffey and many other cousins, nephew's, nieces and friends. The family will receive friends, Friday, June 17, 2022 from 10-11AM, followed by Services at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St, Rocky Hill CT, ending with a burial in Rose Hill Memorial Park. The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful help and care given by the amazing nursing staff, doctors, and hospice team of N5 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. If desired, friends may make a memorial donation to the HFSC Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center at HFSC.org. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at [www.rosehill-funeralhomes.com](http://www.rosehill-funeralhomes.com)

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Cirilli, Robert Lee



Robert Lee Cirilli, 83, of Simsbury, beloved husband of Regina (Castellani) Cirilli, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022, at home surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford, son of the late Olevio and Teresa (D'Alessandro) Cirilli, he was raised in West Hartford. Bob graduated from Hall High School in 1956 and joined the US Marine Corps serving honorably for four years. He then earned an Associates degree from Mitchell College in Engineering. Bob spent several years in sales and management with Smith-Corona in New York State. In 1969 he purchased Farmington Valley Office Equipment in Canton which he ran for many years and continued to manage his real estate properties until his death. Bob had served as President of the National Office Products Association and when his sons were in scouting, he served as Chairman of BSA Troop #76 in Simsbury. Bob loved to water ski which he did competitively and was a past president of both the Laurel Water Ski Club and the Farmington River Water Ski Club. Bob was also a member of the Prince Thomas of Savoy Society in Avon. What gave Bob the greatest enjoyment was watching his children and grandchildren's activities either through school or sports; he was their biggest fan. Besides his wife Regina, he leaves two sons, Michael R. Cirilli and his wife Nancy and William D. Cirilli and his wife Joan all of Simsbury; his grandchildren, Shannon, Katrina, Saraphina, and Mia Cirilli, Rocco and Sophia Cirilli, and Anna, Beatrix, Eva, and Flora Bradford; his aunt Clara Cormier; and his son-in-law David K. Bradford. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his sister Arline Kowal and his daughter Cathleen M. Bradford. Bob's family will receive friends Wednesday, June 15, 2022, from 4-7 PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 10 AM Directly at the Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon. Burial will follow with Military Honors in Simsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bob's memory to the Prince Thomas of Savoy Scholarship Funds or the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104. For directions or condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)

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Case, Edward Everett "Bucky"

Edward Everett "Bucky" Case, 87, of West Hartford, passed peacefully on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. He leaves three sons and three grandchildren: Edward W. Case of Burlington, CT and his daughter and son, Sophie H. Case of San Francisco, CA and Mason S. Case of Arcata, CA; sons Steven D. Case and Paul R. Case of West Hartford, CT and his son Justin P. Case of Plainville, CT; his brother Richard A. Case of West Hartford, CT; and many relatives. Bucky was predeceased by his wife, Stella C. Case; parents Edward W. Case and Marjorie L. Case; and sister Beverly Parker, all of West Hartford. Born August 3, 1934, Bucky grew up in West Hartford, and attended Smith Elementary School, Plant Junior High School, and Hall High School. Thereafter he worked locally as an automotive mechanic and joined the National Guard serving the 1955 Farmington Valley flood victims. He married Stella C. Case in 1956. Bucky worked for Pratt & Whitney for a short time until he became a mechanic for the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, where he worked until he retired. Bucky also had a side business, A&C Vending, serving the greater Hartford Area. He loved antique cars. During his retirement, he fully restored his first car, a 1935 Ford Phaeton convertible, which was his pride and joy. He paid \$200.00 for it. Bucky was in the process of restoring a 1933 Buick when he passed. He loved baseball and football and spent many hours rooting for his New York Yankees and New York Giants. He enjoyed duck-pin bowling. He and Stella frequently had many local relatives over the house to play cards. They also enjoyed their summer barbecues at the family property in Granby. When his children were small, they went to Old Lyme Shores to spend time with their Godparents at the cottage at Miami beach. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren and supported them as much as he possibly could over the years. He collected antique car parts, loved to play the piano, and restored his player piano. He lived his life the way he wanted to and enjoyed good health for the most of it. Calling hours will be Thursday, June 16 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will be private. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com).

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Switz, Joselyn Margaret



Joselyn "Josie" Margaret Switz, loving daughter of the late Joseph Switz and Rose Marie (Vallera) Switz, went home to our Lord on June 10, 2022. Josie was born in Hartford on October 4, 1949, and lived in West Hartford for many years before moving to Newington to live with her older sister Valerie. She also lived for a few years with her caregiver Sheila Walten, whom she loved very much. In 2017, she moved to March Inc's Woodbridge Group home in Manchester. The staff took very good care of her and we are forever grateful, especially to Kay Nelson and Jessie Matthews. Special thanks to Manchester Memorial Hospice for the wonderful care they gave to Joselyn during her last days. Joselyn worked for several years at Friendly's at Corbins Corner and for 15 years at Stop & Shop in Newington. She was a very special person who loved music, loved to dance and loved her stuffed dog Snoopy. Josie was so loved by her family and all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. She leaves her sister Elaine Stevens and husband Jay, her niece Tracy Chmielecki and her husband Andy, and her nephew Robert Stavinsky, Jr. She was pre-deceased by her sister Valerie McCarrel and her brother-in-law Mack. Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Friday, June 17, 2022, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her funeral service will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to March Inc. of Manchester, 222 McKee St., Manchester, CT 06042. To share your sorrow with her family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).

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Thomas, Noreen Ann (Moro)



Noreen Ann Thomas (Moro), 72, of Bristol, CT, passed away on June 13 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain after a four week battle for her life. Noreen can be best remembered as wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, caretaker, friend and all around amazing person. Noreen was born on April 5, 1950 to Lewis Joseph Moro, Sr. and Ruth Shirley Moro (Caron) of Ashland, ME. Noreen graduated from Platt High School, Meriden, CT, in 1969. She later went on to study Nursing at Briarwood College. She committed the next five decades to the care of others, 30 of those years working for the Bristol Board of Education until her retirement in 2018. In 1971, Noreen met George Northrop Thomas, and they wed in 1973, going on to have two children, Bryan Kenneth Thomas (Sara) of East Greenwich, RI, and Allyn George Thomas of Saint Petersburg, FL. Noreen also had a very special relationship with George's daughter, Lori Ann Thomas-Hernandez (William) of Port Saint Lucie, FL, who she loved as her own since the age of three. Noreen dedicated her life to being a loving mother and grandmother to many, far more than just her children. No matter if it was a friend of her children, even their children, a student at school, a distant family member, a great-niece/nephew or even the people hired to mow her lawn, she would invite them into her house for a chat. Not always did you want to hear what she had to tell you, yet you walked away a better person for it. Noreen always had a fresh batch of banana bread cooling on the kitchen table, and if not, she had one in the freezer to hand out. Having grown up in a big family, she didn't know how to cook for just a few, so you would always go home with a ton of leftovers. Noreen committed decades to The Boy Scouts of America, earning endless distinguished awards as a dedicated volunteer. Noreen was predeceased by her husband, George Northrop Thomas, her parents, Ruth Shirley & Lewis Joseph Moro, her in-laws, Thomas Paul, Sr. and Eleanor Dorothy Thomas, siblings, Larry Moro and Kenneth Moro, and many other family and loved ones. She is survived by her siblings, Lawrence Moro (Elisabeth), Lise Moro all of Daytona, FL, Arnold Moro of New Britain, CT, Maurice Moro (Debra) and Dora Moro (Albert) of Meriden, CT, Katherine Dumont (Chester) of Portland, CT, Lewis Moro of Dover-Foxcroft, ME, her in-laws Thomas Paul Thomas II (Lydia) of Jacksonville, FL, and Suzanne Thomas of Bristol, CT. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, William Matthew Hernandez (Stephanie) of Loxahatchee, FL, Eric Anthony Hernandez (Alexis) of Bristol, CT, Nathan George Thomas (Kirshjah) of San Diego, CA and Laurel Kelly Thomas of East Greenwich, RI, and four great-grandchildren William & Michael Hernandez of Loxahatchee, FL, and Rosealynn and Wren Hernandez of Bristol, CT. She also leaves behind an endless count of aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and special friends. She loved them all so much. Friends and family are invited to celebrate Noreen's life at DuPont Funeral Home at 25 Bellevue Ave, Bristol, CT on June 16th from 4:00PM to 8:00PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on June 17 at St Gregory's Catholic Church, 235 Maltby Street, Bristol, CT at 1:00PM. A burial at Saint Joseph Cemetery, 522 Terryville Avenue, Bristol, CT, will immediately follow the mass. The family requests that all flowers and notes are sent to DuPont Funeral Home in Bristol, CT. Alternatively, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Noreen's name to one of her favorite causes, the Bristol Adult Resource Center, 195 Maltby Street, PO Box 726, Bristol, CT 06011-0726. Family and friends are invited to leave a condolence message by visiting [www.dupontfuneralhome.com](http://www.dupontfuneralhome.com)

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Maselek, Raymond R.



Raymond R. Maselek, Sr., 94, of East Hampton, CT, entered into eternal peace on Friday, June 10, 2022, with family by his side at the Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center. Ray was born February 16, 1928 in Wilson, CT, the son of the late Joseph and Anna (Najduct) Maselek. He proudly served our country in the United States Army from 1946-1947 with the 78th Quartermaster Base Depot in the Philippine Islands. Following his time in the service, he worked several jobs with his favorite as a route delivery man for Sealtest Foods. He also spent several years as a life-lesson instructor with Dale Carnegie Associates where he received several awards for his leadership and service. He retired in 1991 after working as a service dispatcher for Automatic TLC Oil Company. Ray enjoyed traveling, spending summers at the beach and golf. He was also a handyman and spent countless hours in his workshop making, fixing or creating furniture and other items. Of all of these, his favorite thing to do was spend time with his family. When he wasn't with them, he was talking about them. He was proud to talk about his kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren and did so wherever he went. Ray was predeceased by the love of his life, Anna C. Maselek, in 2007. Since her passing, he volunteered at the Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center, where he became part of their family. He helped the staff and patients, entertaining them with his stories, jokes and smiles. After struggling with his own health issues, he moved to Chestelm in 2018 and he continued to volunteer every day.

He is survived by his children, Linda Demick and her husband Alan, Lori Lechowicz and her husband Paul, all of East Hampton. His son Michael of Pittsfield, Ma. and Raymond R Maselek Jr and his wife Laura of Manchester, CT. His grandchildren, Jarad Demick and wife Avery, Kristen Brazile and husband Rob, Kaitlin Finn and husband Daniel, Erin Hurd and husband Sean, Kristen Tortoriello and husband Matthew, Brendon Maselek, Justin Maselek, Tyler Maselek and fiancé Colleen Grady, Jennifer Beer and husband Michael and Raymond R Maselek III and wife Mackenzie. His great-grandchildren, Robbie Brazile, William Finn, Gabriel Finn, Tobias Finn, James Finn, Annmarie Finn, Riley Hurd, Conner Hurd, Caleb Tortoriello, Jackson Maselek, Greyson Maselek, Arianna Metzger, Faith Beer, Parker Maselek and Adam Maselek.

The family would like to express their most sincere love and appreciation for the care Ray received from Brenda and his friends and family at Chestelm. They treated him like family and he loved his time there. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 from 8:30-10:30 at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main Street, East Hampton, CT. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 AM at St Patrick Church, 47 W High S, East Hampton, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St Patrick Cemetery. At Ray's request, the wearing of masks would be greatly appreciated and there will be no reception following his services. Family and friends are encouraged to spend time together to remember him.

In lieu of flowers, Ray and his family would appreciate donations, in his name, to The Alzheimer's Association of Hartford, <https://www.alz.org/ct>. To leave online condolences please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

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## Subway assures jobs safe in HQ move

Company’s potential relocation to Fairfield County would not result in local losses, Milford mayor says

By **Stephen Singer**  
Hartford Courant

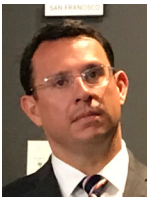
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake said Monday he’s been assured by Subway that a potential move out of the shoreline city would not result in local job losses.

But the national chain of sandwich restaurants could move its headquarters to nearby Fairfield County without disrupting local jobs.

A Milford developer reached out to Blake last week and said Subway was looking for a spot in Milford for a possible expansion, he said. The mayor contacted a Subway vice president who told him the company is looking for a site with a gym for employees and was “potentially looking” at such a location.

Blake said he was told by Subway that nothing has been signed.

Carsen Anderson, a spokesper-



Blake

son for Subway, said the company has no additional comment.

“We will make more information available once we have additional details to share in the coming weeks,” she said.

Subway said Sunday it is “exploring options in northeastern Fairfield County to create a world-class work environment” for its employees with a modern headquarters and “wide range of on-site amenities.”

Blake said he’s not concerned with a potential loss of property tax revenue because hundreds of new businesses open each year in Milford. And he said he was assured that local jobs would not be eliminated.

“It put my mind at ease,” he said.

A new headquarters in Shelton, for example, in northeastern Fairfield County, would just be a few miles from Milford, possibly qualifying as remaining local.

Blake said Fred DeLuca, Subway’s co-founder who died in 2015, considered as a recipe for success to “invest in local commu-

nities.” Blake offered that advice to company executives.

Subway announced last year it would move several of its business units to Miami. Most of the company’s workers will remain in Connecticut, but some “functional areas” such as marketing, culinary and other units will move to Florida, the spokeswoman said.

In May, Subway announced it would hire 50,000 restaurant employees in June as part of a national hiring push.

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“Wild places still exist in Connecticut, but they won’t if we don’t do something to protect them,” said Walker Holmes, state director of the Trust for Public Land. Above, the Meshomasic State Forest. **COURANT FILE PHOTOS**

## Conservation vs. sprawl

The state won’t reach its goal of preserving 673,210 acres by 2023

By **Tom Condon**  
CT Mirror

In Killingworth, environmentalists and public officials are trying to stop the Boy Scouts of America from selling its wooded 252-acre Deer Lake Scout Reservation to a developer.

To date, the Scouts’ Connecticut Yankee Council has rejected two offers from nonprofit groups interested in preserving the land for open space or passive recreation, and it is entertaining an offer of \$4.6 million from a New York developer.

A lawsuit has been filed to preserve the bird sanctuary on the property. The Killingworth Board of Selectmen passed a resolution strongly supporting preservation of the property.

The Deer Lake situation, on which the Council declined to comment, is another example of the whack-a-mole approach conservationists are often forced to take to save some of the state’s dwindling supply of open land. As with similar predicaments, it raises the question of how and where should the state grow and



The Connecticut Yankee Council is selling Deer Lake, a large parcel of land in Killingworth currently used for camping, hiking and rock climbing.

what lands should be protected.

Advocates say there’s no time to waste.

“Wild places still exist in Connecticut, but they won’t if we don’t do something to protect them. Parks and conservation are components of thriving communities,” said Walker Holmes, Connecticut state director of the Trust for Public Land.

### State of sprawl

For much of the 20th century, especially in the go-go years after World War II, residents left Connecticut’s cities in droves for new homes in the suburbs. For example, Hartford had nearly 180,000 people in 1950 but 122,500 in 2020.

Formerly sleepy rural towns

hummed with lawnmowers and weed wackers. The split-level ranch with a lawn and patio fulfilled the American Dream for countless residents.

Much of the new development was low-density, hastily planned and dependent on cars — a pattern known as sprawl. And, as officials belatedly learned, sprawl had a downside.

“Sprawl is the most serious environmental problem facing Connecticut,” Karl Wagener, then-executive director of the state’s Council on Environmental Quality, told The Hartford Courant in 2005.

He and others in and out of government pushed for limits on sprawl. Some measures were enacted. A 2008 law created a “responsible growth cabinet,” and Gov. M. Jodi Rell created an Office of Responsible Growth. The state’s Plan of Conservation and Development was refocused on “growth management” principles.

These measures were, at best, partially successful.

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### ELECTION 2022

## Ricketts pulls out of event in Canton

Neb. governor cites scheduling conflict for Stefanowski fundraiser

By **Christopher Keating**  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — About 24 hours before a long-planned fundraiser, Republican Bob Stefanowski suddenly canceled the event Monday with the chairman of the Republican Governors’ Association.

Stefanowski’s strategist, Liz Kurantowicz, said that Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts had a scheduling conflict that prompted the cancellation of the event at a Republican’s upscale home in Canton.

The event had caused controversy among Democrats because Ricketts favors banning abortion, even in cases of rape, if the landmark Roe v. Wade decision is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in the coming weeks.



Ricketts

“Nebraska is a pro-life state. I believe life begins at conception, and those are babies, too,” Ricketts told CNN last month. “If Roe v. Wade, which is a horrible constitutional decision, gets overturned by the Supreme Court, which we’re hopeful of, here in Nebraska, we’re going to take further steps to protect those pre-born babies.”

When asked if he favored raising the age to 21 to buy an assault weapon, Ricketts said, “I haven’t looked at the details of that bill.”

Even with the cancellation of the fundraiser, local Democrats are still planning a protest Tuesday about one mile away in the parking lot at the Cherry Brook elementary school on Barbourtown Road in Canton.

“We were pleased to hear that Ricketts is not going to come, and we view that as a victory,” said Michael Vogel, a Democrat who helped organize the protest. “The obvious inference is they canceled because of the pressure.”

Ricketts had declined to speak with the Courant as an RGA spokesman said they do not speak

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## LGBTQ students walk out in protest at Farmington High

School denied requests to raise Pride flag in campus courtyard

By **Ted Glanzer**  
Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — More than a dozen members of the Farmington High School Gender Sexuality Alliance Club walked out of school Monday morning in protest of having their requests denied to raise a Pride flag on the flagpole in the school courtyard.

The goal of the walkout, students said, was to remain in the courtyard for at least 12 hours — starting at 7 a.m. — or until officials allowed for the flag to be flown.

The school year in Farmington ends Tuesday, and the students

who walked out intermittently took breaks for finals or project presentations.

Having the Pride flag flown is no small matter, according to Farmington High GSA co-president Oliver Przech, who said he and his peers have been the frequent targets of bullying and microaggressions throughout their school careers.

“For a lot of people, there have been daily insults, slurs, harassment,” Przech said. “For me, it’s mostly been microaggressions, people giving me looks, people throwing stuff at me.”

Przech said posters announcing the first GSA meeting of the year at the school were torn down, requiring members of the club to hang posters in front of cameras. He also said one of his teachers apologized but went unpunished after uttering

a homophobic slur in class recently.

Alex Combs, a freshman at Farmington High agreed.

“Every day we are harassed. While the school has supports in place, it’s not enough. We feel invisible,” Combs said. “Raising a flag at the high school would send a powerful message of allyship, letting us — and the entire Farmington community — know that the district supports us and is working to provide us the same education our cis/het peers get.”

In addition to the students’ request being denied, Przech said teachers at the high school were not permitted to show their support by displaying Pride flags in their classrooms.

“We’ve been denied time and

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Members of the Farmington High School Gender Sexuality Alliance Club walked out of school Monday morning after the school denied their request to fly the Pride flag. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**



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DECD chief calls for cutbacks to film tax credit

By Erica E. Phillips  
CT Mirror

State Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner David Lehman is calling on state lawmakers to consider capping or reducing Connecticut's tax incentives for film, television and digital media production — programs that have drawn criticism for years from advocates who say the money would be better spent elsewhere.



Lehman

Speaking at a joint hearing of three legislative committees to discuss his department's 2021 Annual Report, Lehman highlighted pros and cons of several of the state's business incentive programs. But he called specific attention to the film and digital media tax credits, saying they were among the incentives he believes are ripe for overhaul. "If there was a dialing back of certain programs that we oversee, that would be the one I would suggest that there's a discussion around," Lehman said. Lawmakers on the Appropri-

ations, Commerce and Finance, Revenue & Bonding committees did not indicate where they stand on Lehman's suggestion, but acknowledged the advice.

"There's been a lot of conversation around the movie and entertainment industry," said Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, during the hearing this past week. "We don't necessarily want to go backward, but to your point, we should always evaluate a program to see that it's working."

Established in 2006, the industry incentive programs have gone a long way toward establishing a thriving production ecosystem in Connecticut that employs thousands of people, Lehman said, but that's come at a significant cost.

Under Connecticut's Film and Digital Media Production Tax Credit, companies can receive — in the form of a tax credit — up to 30% off qualified production expenses or costs incurred in the state. There's no cap on the amount they can claim per year. In its 2019 annual report, DECD

found that over the preceding decade, the average economic impact of the program had amounted to a loss of \$58,510,604 in net revenue per year — well over half a billion dollars in all.

"When you think about the cost of taxpayers vs. the benefit of taxpayers, I think there is an open question," he said. "Does the cost exceed the benefit here? I think that's something that General Assembly should explore."

He recommended either capping the credit at a certain dollar amount, or reducing the percentage. Public policy researchers with Connecticut Voices for Children have called for similar reforms to the program as far back as 2009.

Many states and countries offer similar incentives to film and media companies. That can create a competitive "race to the bottom," analysts say, and taxpayers in many regions have pushed back.

Lehman noted that on a per-capita basis, the cost of Connecticut's film industry tax incentives was second only to Georgia. A recent audit of Georgia's film industry incentives revealed waste

and poor management within the program. Georgia legislators considered capping the credit, but the proposal failed.

State auditors in Connecticut have also raised concerns about this state's film tax credit programs. Last year, auditors reported that Connecticut overpaid one animation company, Blue Sky Studios, by almost \$50 million during the fiscal years 2016 through 2019. Disney acquired Blue Sky Studios for \$70 million in 2019 and shuttered the company last year — announcing the closure just two weeks after receiving a \$32 million tax credit payment from the state.

DECD commissioned a study of the Film and Digital Media Production Tax Credit and its economic impact, reporting its findings earlier this year. Since 2012, the state's three film sector incentive programs have led to job growth, personal income growth and a rise in the state's economic output, the study found.

But the longer these productions stick around — and grow — the more they cost the state to support. According to the study, the annual number of projects applying for

Connecticut's marquee tax credit program has hovered between 25 and 41 since 2012. But the average expenditure per project has jumped from \$8.7 million in 2012 to \$12 million in 2020.

Lehman said that's why he's encouraging lawmakers to revisit the terms of the incentive.

Gary LeBeau, a former state senator and one of the film tax credit program's early sponsors in the General Assembly, said in an email that he would welcome a review of the program by the three committees. "And it should look beyond the dollars expended and received to some of the intangibles that make the State a hub for learning and creativity," he wrote.

LeBeau said the legislation was designed not to incent "fly by night" production, and he encouraged lawmakers to consult the National Council of State Legislatures "to get a clearer picture of how CT's program compares to other states."

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"Sprawl continues," said Nathan Frohling of The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut, one of several nonprofits that work to preserve open space.

"Connecticut has done a terrible job of reining in sprawl," said Sara Bronin, Cornell University law professor and founder of Desegregate Connecticut, a housing and land-use reform coalition.

Though Bronin and some others think sprawl is still the state's major environmental challenge, it has somewhat fallen off the radar screen. There's now more attention being paid to climate change mitigation. But they may be two sides of the same coin.

"So many of the things we've been trying to do for conservation and the environment related to sprawl have a direct connection either to climate mitigation or adaptation," Frohling said.

A 30-member study group, the Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future, formed by the General Assembly a year ago to "evaluate policies related to land use, conservation, housing affordability and infrastructure," could offer solutions when it reports its findings next year, though it appears more focused on process than substance.

The new variant

The nature of sprawl has changed somewhat in recent years. For one thing, residential subdivisions tend not to be as big as they were a few decades ago, said Eric A. Santini, a builder and president of the Home Builders & Remodelers of Connecticut.

He said developments now trend toward 20 or 30 units, rather than 80, 90 or more years ago. For example, a developer announced plans in April to build 34 three-bedroom houses on former farmland in Canton.

The bigger change may be the surge in multifamily construction, with major apartment complexes going up in suburban towns across the state.

"Towns are starting to realize they need a variety of housing, not just single-family homes on one-acre lots," Santini said.

He said apartments give young adults or downsizing Baby Boomers the option to stay in town. He said multifamily housing helps both the tax base and local businesses. All well and good, said state Rep. Jason Rojas, D-East Hartford, chair of the Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future, depending on where it is built. He said the surge in apartments is a "two-edged sword — we need the housing, but if it is built in the wrong place, we get sprawl" and its negative effects.

The downside

The effects of sprawl have been extensively studied over the past 25 years (see here, here and here). Most agree that sprawl:

- Causes the loss of forests, farmland and other open space. Connecticut has lost thousands of acres of forest and farms over the past half century. A major study by the University of Connecticut's Center for Land Use Education and Research, using satellite imagery, found that from 1985 to 2015, the state lost 115,200 acres of forested land and 39,680 acres of agricultural fields to development and related land covers, what the study calls "urban footprint." The state now has more land in grass and turf (8%) than farms (7%).
- Induces more driving, which translates to more congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and

other air pollution, energy use and lost time. Spread-out development discourages both use of transit and walking, leading to issues with obesity and related illnesses.

■ Necessitates the construction and expense of more infrastructure and increases the cost of services.

■ Threatens the quality of streams and rivers, because the loss of vegetation and increase in paved surfaces causes more runoff.

■ Abets segregation by race and class, isolating the poor in core cities and, sometimes, the elderly in the suburbs.

■ Limits housing production, a situation belatedly being addressed in some communities with multifamily construction. Instead of big houses on large lots, more compact construction could have yielded more dwelling units at lower cost.

Smart growth

The antidote to sprawl is called smart growth, or responsible growth. The idea, in broad terms, is to draw development to town centers and transit corridors, where infrastructure and services already exist, and by doing so lessen the pressure to develop farmland and forest tracts.

State officials have taken steps consistent with smart growth in recent years, such as major investments in housing in downtown Hartford and other cities. The state's brownfield remediation programs have put urban land back in use. Two new transit systems have been developed, the Hartford Line rail service from New Haven to Springfield and CTFastrak, the bus rapid transit line from Hartford to New Britain.

The surest way to protect open space from sprawl is to own it or own the development rights to it. The state's open space and farmland acquisition programs continue, albeit slowly, toward their preservation goals.

In 1997, the General Assembly passed a law requiring that 21% of Connecticut's land area — a total of 673,210 acres — be preserved as open space. The deadline to complete the work is 2023.

It won't be met.

After the first several years, funding trailed off. At present, 513,310 acres, or 76.2% of the goal, have been preserved, according to Department of Energy and Environmental Protection figures. The plan is that the state would own 10% of the protected land, and its partner organizations, such as land trusts, towns or water companies, would own 11%. The state is at 71% of its 10% portion of the goal, and if the pace of acquisition — an average of 879 acres a year over the past 10 years — doesn't pick up, it will take more than 60 years to reach it, according to the Council of Environmental Quality's 2021 annual report.

But officials are buoyed by a grant of \$15 million from the legislature this year for open space.

"We will be taking a very ambitious approach over the next few years to get to that goal," said Andrew Hoskins, DEEP's chief of staff, who oversees the land acquisition program. It is guided by the Comprehensive Open Space Acquisition Strategy, or "Green Plan," which targets the "highest value conservation and recreation lands."

Over at the state Department of Agriculture, its farmland preservation program is even farther away from its goal. In the late 1970s, the state set a goal of preserving 130,000 acres of farmland, a number thought necessary for the state to be able to feed itself. More than four decades later, 401 farms and 47,510 acres have been permanently protected through the program.

State Department of Agriculture

Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt said the process in the first decades of the program was cumbersome and expensive. The department had to get individual bond approval for each farm and did not work with federal or private partners to leverage state funds. He said that has now changed and the process is moving more expeditiously.

He said it took the department 35 years to preserve 300 farms but only eight years to protect the next 100 farms. He noted that agriculture is a \$4 billion industry in the state that provides 22,000 jobs, growing everything from tobacco to tulips.

Zoning and taxes

Open space acquisition has never been able to keep pace with the demand for development, so it cannot be the sole means of controlling sprawl. Two other measures that would encourage smart growth, advocates say, are zoning reform and less reliance on local property taxes.

Bronin said zoning is a major factor driving sprawl in the state. Desegregate CT compiled a "zoning atlas" of all the state's zoning districts and learned that through zoning, "the vast majority of towns make it easiest to build single-family homes on large lots and difficult to build any other kind of housing." Nine towns allow nothing but single-family housing.

As a result, "we build ourselves into the sprawl we see all around us, with the destruction of farmlands and forests — zoning dictates these results," she said.

Sprawl means "you have to build roads, water and sewer facilities and streetlights, and the burden of paying for and maintaining them falls on the towns. Why wouldn't you want to offer an alternative? We need a complete rethinking of the way we approach land development in Connecticut," she said.

Desegregate CT successfully pushed for a bill in 2021 that made some zoning-related changes, such as allowing accessory apartments on single-family lots, and it created the Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future. The coalition continues to push for changes that would allow mixed-use, mixed-income, multifamily development in town centers and transit corridors.

Another nonprofit working on zoning reform, The Open Communities Alliance, is promoting the concept of "fair share" zoning, in which towns would agree to build their share of the state's affordable housing need. Towns would get to choose where to build the housing; Alliance director Erin Boggs thinks they would likely decide to construct multifamily housing in or near town centers, not sprawl in the countryside.

The Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future is looking to develop model design guidelines for both buildings and streets that municipalities may adopt as part of their zoning regulations and which could help produce more mixed-use density in town centers.

'Free-for-all'

Another driver of sprawl is the state's heavy reliance on property taxes. The group 1000 Friends of Connecticut has focused on the property tax issue and released a report in December titled "Connecticut Property Taxes: Opportunity for Change."

Connecticut, the report says, relies on the property tax to fund government services to a far higher degree than most other states. The study cited data on the distribution of tax burden, called tax incidence, that showed nearly 42% of the state and local taxes paid in the

state were property taxes, and that, on average, municipalities realize an average 73.4% of their revenues from the local property tax.

The system taxes equivalent properties differently depending on which town they are in. It impedes economic development. It also drives sprawl.

"The over-reliance on property taxes fosters fragmentation ... forcing Connecticut's 169 cities and towns to compete with one another ... land-use boards make decisions based on what members believe (often incorrectly) will increase property tax revenues such as attempting to attract high valuation properties at the expense of preserving farmland and open space," the report states.

Gov. Lamont's 2022 budget contained some modifications to the property tax but did not change its fundamental structure.

Elisabeth Moore, executive director of the Connecticut Farmland Trust, said heavy reliance on property taxes, coupled with a lack of strong regional or state planning, creates a "free-for-all, 169 towns driven by the need for tax revenue. Everybody wants a Walmart even if there is one in the next town."

Good plan, no teeth

The state plan that directly addresses sprawl, at least theoretically, is the Plan of Conservation & Development. The plan, prepared every five years by the state Office of Policy and Management, "is an overarching statement of state policy in matters pertaining to land and water resource conservation and development," as stated in a February report on the implementation of the plan.

Implementation is not a strong point. The plan is mostly advisory — it is supposed to guide the land use activities of state agencies. It apparently doesn't do that very well.

Agencies are supposed to request an advisory opinion from OPM on all but minor projects. However, "agencies make their own determination of a project's consistency with the State C&D Plan and only rarely seek input from OPM," according to the February report.

"It's a good plan, it checks all the boxes, but where's the implementation? Where are the metrics to determine if it is working?" asked Stewart "Chip" Beckett of Glastonbury, a member of the Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future, which among other things is looking at the planning processes for conservation and housing.

It's not clear that the Plan of Conservation and Development is a high priority with the legislature. The 2018-2023 plan was only adopted this year, four years late.

Lack of a strong implementation mechanism in the plan can create a disconnect between policy and practice. For example, one of the plan's growth management principles is to "concentrate development around transportation nodes and along major transportation corridors."

If compliance were made a condition of state investment, it might have resulted in the creation of an overlay zone along transit lines, to allow multifamily, multi-use development near the stations. As is typical in Connecticut, some towns have done this on their own, but most have not.

Desegregate CT proposed a bill this year that would have required towns to zone some of the land within a half-mile of transit stations for more diverse housing. The "transit-oriented community" bill was similar to one that was adopted in Massachusetts last year, but it did not pass in Connecticut. Without more impactful state

or regional planning, conservationists are often forced into the whack-a-mole mode, as in Killingworth, where they find out about land going on the market and try to save it before it is sold for development.

"Sometimes we have to act quickly," said Amy Blaymore Paterson, executive director of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, which represents the state's 130 nonprofit land trusts, increasingly important players in land conservation.

The hit-or-miss approach to land conservation by definition includes some hits. A spectacular example was the protection of a nearly 1,000 acre coastal forest in the lower Connecticut River Valley called "The Preserve" in 2015 after many years of conservation efforts.

On the other hand, in nearby East Lyme, conservationists have been fighting for more than a decade, in and out of court, to stop development of a 236-acre portion of the Oswegatchie Hills, a heretofore undeveloped coastal forest along the scenic Niantic River. Coastal lands are among the "Green Plan" preservation priorities.

Climate

Though the battles continue, the war against sprawl seems to have taken a back seat to concerns about climate change. That's not necessarily bad, said Frohling, of the Nature Conservancy. The issues, he said, are not incompatible.

Climate change mitigation is about reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which threaten to toast the planet. In Connecticut, according to a 2016 legislative study, the largest source of greenhouse gases is the transportation sector, at 38%. Residential and commercial buildings together add another 25%.

That would argue for transit-oriented development, to reduce driving and encourage more compact housing. Author David Owen reported in his 2009 book "Green Metropolis — What the City Can Teach the Country About True Sustainability" that for fossil fuel use per capita, the greenest city in the country is New York City, because most residents live in buildings with shared walls, which are more energy efficient than free-standing homes, and most walk, bike or use transit.

Another environmental daily double, a precept of both smart growth and climate mitigation, is preserving core forests. Frohling said preserving forests and preventing their fragmentation is vitally important for several reasons: carbon sequestration, water quality protection, plant and animal habitat and absorption of storm surges from the increasingly erratic weather patterns.

Lamont has taken some steps to address the climate issue. In December, he signed an executive order addressing greenhouse gas reduction on many fronts and involving many state agencies. He recently signed two bills, one calling for a carbon-free electric grid by 2040 and another promoting smaller renewable energy projects.

Reining in sprawl would help the cause. To do that, said David Anderson of Save The Sound, "We need to tackle it on both ends, by allowing high density in transit nodes and town centers served by water and sewer, and at the other end by protecting environmental assets that are inappropriate for development and more suited to conservation."

The latter would appear to describe the Deer Lake property in Killingworth. As to its fate, First Selectman Nancy Gorski said in a recent email there was no news.



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Affordable housing plan meets objections

Concerns over quality of location, health risks cited in Bloomfield

By Deidre Montague  
Hartford Courant

BLOOMFIELD — A potential affordable housing development for seniors and disabled people proposed for 15 Douglas St. has some members of the town council concerned about the quality of the location and possible health risks they say tenants may face. At the May 23 town meeting, the town council approved the referral of an application to the zoning commission for the sale of 15 Douglas St., which is to be sold for \$350,000, for the development of housing for seniors and disabled. Mayor Danielle Wong said that

back in the '70s or early '80s, the property, 13.3 acres of undeveloped land, was acquired by the state, but has since handed off to the town of Bloomfield. The area is a mix of residential and multi-family zoning adjacent to an industrial zone. The proposal, by Cast Development Group LLC, includes the sale of the property for a three-story, 41-unit structure. The plan is for 33 one-bedroom units, and 8 two-bedroom units, ranging in size from 625 to 1,000 square feet. The proposal has both independent living and assisted living components, services for memory care, rehabilitation, and other skilled nursing services. Just five of those units are designated for low-income housing. The developer estimates construction would be completed in 2024.

“That is going to be over 75,000 square feet and we’re proposing to put seniors 55 and older near in an area that (is) going to have a lot of public health and environmental issues related to traffic pollution and air pollution from truck traffic,” Councilor Kenneth McClary said. Mayor Danielle Wong also voted no. “We have an opportunity here to refuse the sale of this. We thank the staff for doing their due diligence and making these recommendations but essentially, it is on the council to kind of fold that into our larger vision when it comes to opportunities for development all around,” she said. “We have a significant housing boom of fair market housing right here in the center of town, which I think is great. There’s a real need for us to look into work-

force housing as it relates to other income points that other families such as myself can afford,” she said. “I can’t afford to live in Heirloom Flats. I just can’t do that. We have a real opportunity tonight to say ‘hang on, let’s get some more information.” Councilor Joe Merritt said he had concerns about whether the project could find a developer wanting to rent at market rate rents in that particular neighborhood. “That’s not a great place for somebody to be. I just don’t think it is. It’s an area that we used to call the jungle when I was young,” Merritt said. “We tried to redevelop it back 15 to 20 years ago for commercial use... it’s a swamp. It’s very wet and it’s been under supported by the town. They don’t have city water sewers and things like that.”

Councilor McClary said the council needs more data before determining whether to support the development. The issue is about social equity, Wong said. “We have an elderly population, and want to make sure that they live in comfort and dignity... We need to educate the developer on these things as well. I think that once you lock these seniors in[to] (the potential housing units), they’re going to be very unhappy with the environment around this beautiful development,” she said. “When it comes to approaching [this issue] through a lens of equity, we want to make sure that we are diverting and doing our due diligence as a town to again direct these opportunities to the correct spaces that are going to work for the entire community of Bloomfield.”

Plenty of local talent showcased at Tony Awards

From LuPone to Lansbury, a look at which of this year’s winners have performed in Connecticut

By Christopher Arnott  
Hartford Courant

It’s rare to find a Broadway talent who hasn’t worked at a Connecticut theater at one time or another. The state has more major regional theaters than any other. Not only have many shows moved to New York following tryouts or workshops in Connecticut, many New York theater talents like to work here between Broadway opportunities. With some of the best theater training programs in the country at Yale, Wesleyan, UConn and the University of Hartford, a lot of careers started here. Many names familiar to Connecticut theatergoers were heard on Sunday night’s 2022 Tony Awards broadcast. Some of the nominated writers, from Lynn Nottage to Paula Vogel to the late Thornton Wilder, nominated for the revival of his “The Skin of Our Teeth,” have taught at Yale. Some of the actors started out at theaters like Hartford Stage or the Long Wharf, or by doing readings at new-works labs like the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center in Waterford. Here are some of the local credits accrued by winners of the 2022 Tony Awards: Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play for the baseball drama “Take Me Out,” co-starred as one of the trouble-prone twins in Shakespeare’s “A Comedy of Errors” at Hartford Stage in 2000. Patti LuPone, Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical for “Company,” lives in South Kent, famously podcasting from her basement in the early months of COVID. LuPone has performed her concert act throughout the state, including at the Garde Arts Center and the Shubert Theater. “Company” composer Stephen Sondheim lived in Roxbury and died last year at the age of 91. He

was given a special tribute on the Tony’s broadcast, and “Company” won for Best Revival of a Musical. One of Sondheim’s first theater jobs was as an apprentice at the Westport Country Playhouse in the summer of 1950. Christopher Wheeldon, Best Choreography winner for “MJ: The Musical,” hasn’t worked directly at any Connecticut theater, but his work has been seen here on tour. His Broadway hit “An American in Paris” toured to The Bushnell in 2016 and years later, after a COVID hiatus, to the Shubert Theater and the Waterbury Palace this season. Wheeldon also choreographed a piece in a Dance Theatre of Harlem concert at Connecticut College in 2018. Phylicia Rashad, winner for Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Play for “Skel-eton Crew,” was at Hartford Stage in “Blues for an Alabama Sky” back in 1996. She has also worked in the state as a director, helming productions of “Fences” at the Long Wharf in 2014 and “A Raisin in the Sun” at Westport Playhouse in 2012. Rashad had been preparing to direct in Connecticut again when the Broadway “Skeleton Crew” opportunity arose. If the play Skeleton Crew sounds familiar, it’s because Westport Playhouse did its own production of it in 2019. Simon Hale, winner for Best Orchestrations for the Bob Dylan-based musical “Girl from the North Country,” works primarily in Chicago but was part of the world-premiere production of “Stuck Elevator,” by New Haven playwright Aaron Jafferis and composer Byron Au Yong, presented by the International Festival of Arts & Ideas at the Long Wharf Theatre in 2013. Montana Levi Blanco, winner for Best Costume Design of a Play for “The Skin of Our Teeth,” is a graduate of the Yale (now Geffen) School of Drama, he first met his frequent



Patti LuPone accepts the award for best featured actress in a musical for “Company” at the 75th annual Tony Awards on Sunday at Radio City Music Hall in New York. CHARLES SYKES/INVISION

collaborator and “Skin of Our Teeth” director Lileana Blain-Cruz. The play was written by the legendary playwright and novelist Thornton Wilder, who lived in Hamden from 1929 until his death in 1975. Blanco did memorable work at Yale for the musical “The Visit” in 2013 and the premiere of Kate Tarker’s “Thunderbodies,” a play which was later seen in New York, in 2014. He and Cruz returned to New Haven in 2019 for the sensational Greek tragedy update “Girls” by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins at the Yale Repertory Theatre. Besides “The Skin of Our Teeth,” Blanco’s costumes were seen on Broadway this year in “The Strange Loop,” which won the Tony for Best Musical on Sunday. Matt Doyle, winner of Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical for “Company,” appeared in readings of “Picnic at Hanging Rock” and “Bogwog” at the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center in Waterford in 2009. These are among the actor’s earliest credits. The team of Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss, winners of Best Original Score (Music and/or Lyrics) Written for the Theatre for “Six,” worked on their new musical “Diva” at Goodspeed Musicals’ Johnny Mercer Grove, a retreat for musical creators, in 2019 after they’d already established themselves with “Six,” which premiered at Scotland’s Edinburgh Festival in 2017, and “Hot Gay Time Machine.” Marlow and Moss appeared as guests on an episode of the Goodspeed’s “In the (Home) Office” podcast last year after “Six” was on its way to becoming a Broadway success. James C. Nicola, who received a Special Tony Award for having led

the New York Theatre Workshop for the past 34 years, (and is retiring at the end of this month, is a Hartford native. Among the shows originally nurtured by the new-works-friendly New York Theatre Workshop that have toured through Connecticut recently include “Rent” and “What the Constitution Means to Me.” You could have seen 2022 Lifetime Achievement Tony winner Angela Lansbury 45 years ago at two different Connecticut theaters. First, in the premiere of two Edward Albee plays, “Counting the Ways” and “Listening” at Hartford Stage in January of 1977. Then, a few months later, starring in a tour of “Gypsy” at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford. That’s the sort of versatility and prolificity that makes one a legend. The Court Theatre, which won a Tony for Best Regional Theater, is known to Connecticut audiences. The inventive scaled-down Court productions of the musicals “Man of La Mancha” and “Carousel” traveled to the Long Wharf Theatre in 2007 and ‘08 respectively. Among the many dearly departed theater folk acknowledged in the Tony’s “In Memoriam” segment was Tony Walton, the internationally renowned theater designer. He designed the sets and costumes for a lavish revival of “The Boyfriend” directed by his ex-wife Julie Andrews at the Goodspeed in 2005. That show eventually toured the country. Some, like Arlene Dahl who died at age 96, appeared in pre-Broadway try-out shows at the Shubert in New Haven. One of Dahl’s efforts, “Questionable Ladies” in 1946 closed on the road and never made it to Broadway.

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Ticket lotto kicks off for ‘Hamilton’ at Bushnell

By Christopher Arnott  
Hartford Courant

“Hamilton” is returning to The Bushnell, and so is the chance to win \$10 tickets to the show through an online lottery. The ticket lottery has been a part of the “Hamilton” experience since the show opened on Broadway and is now regularly conducted for all the different national tours of the show. The lottery began Monday, with tickets available for every performance at \$10 each to the winners. Tickets raffled between Monday and June 16 are good for performances the week of June 22. A new lottery begins on Friday for the following week of performances. “Hamilton” is at The Bushnell from June 22 through July 10. It is the second time Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Tony-winning show about the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury has visited the theater. This engagement was postponed two years by the COVID pandemic. The lottery is conducted on the official “Hamilton” app, found at hamiltonmusical.com/app or the usual app stores, and works on all iOS and Android devices. Lotteries start at 10 a.m. on Fridays and ends the following Thursday at noon. Participants are notified, whether they win or lose, between 1 and 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Lottery winners have just two hours to claim and pay for their tickets. Each winner can buy up to two tickets. The tickets are then held at the Will Call desk of The Bushnell box office and can be picked up there starting two hours before the performance they are for. A valid photo ID is required. The tickets are void if resold and are non-transferable. Regular tickets for “Hamilton” are still on sale through The Bushnell for \$91 to \$266. Some performances are not sold out, and certain grouping of tickets have yet to be released to the general public.

Protest

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time again about having a flag, about teachers can’t have [Pride flags] in their classrooms,” Przech said. “Students don’t feel safe, they don’t feel heard. They get bullied by their peers. The administration, teachers, they turned a blind eye. [LGBTQ students] feel unseen and unheard.” Jennifer Levi, transgender rights project director for the nonprofit GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) in Boston, said displays of support for LGBTQ students are key components to having a safe school climate for all students. “It’s important to LGBTQ young people as well as non-LGBTQ students to see that the school supports and affirms LGBTQ students,” Levi said. “When schools improve school climate, we see reductions in bullying, we see increased rates of self-esteem, we see positive, healthy social development. With LGBTQ students and others. School climate is one of the key components to positive social relationships and positive identity as well.” The Pride flag at the high school would also serve as a message of support to the LGBTQ children in lower grades, according to Farmington resident Melissa Combs, a

parent of two LGBTQ children, one at the high school and one at Irving A. Robbins Middle School. “Nobody is asking for special rights,” Combs said. “They’re just asking for the same education that everybody else gets. ... These kids know things about their community. They know they’re at a high risk of self-harm and suicide.” A message left with Farmington Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Greider was not returned. Farmington High Principal Scott Hurwitz issued a statement that the school district is committed to equity and inclusion and lauded the students for their Monday walkout. “We applaud our students for their leadership and agency in all matters, and we understand their disappointment when all requests cannot be accommodated,” Hurwitz said. “It is important to note that we use moments such as these as learning opportunities to help students understand why specific requests are approved or cannot be accommodated. ... We are proud to have an active and collaborative GSA which has accomplished a great deal over time and helps collaborate to ensure students are seen and heard not only during Pride Month but throughout the year. They are leaders within Farmington and throughout the state. But, Hurwitz said, the school is also cautious in terms of how flags and other symbols are displayed.

“Over many years we have worked collectively to ensure that students are seen and heard in all aspects of our improvement work, including ways in which we promote equity and inclusion district-wide,” he said. “We are careful with precedent-setting related to symbols such as flags.” “Although we cannot speak for other districts, we are careful in the practice of posting signs or symbols such as a flag that would open the school district or classrooms up to requests to post a myriad of signs or symbols. What matters most is what occurs in our classrooms each day.” Levi said the school district’s position that it would have to fly flags of all clubs and organizations, including the Confederate flag Przech said was used as an example by school officials, is flawed. “When the school is determining how it wants to use its own property, it gets to decide how to do that, as long as the school hasn’t taken steps to let all comers use the flagpole,” Levi said. “Then the school can decide what flag it wants to fly, and it should not be afraid legally to fly a flag that is consistent with the school’s values. It has the ability to do that and it would be important to many people to see the school affirming who they are. ... The school property is not an open forum, it’s not as if anybody can come and use either the property or facilities at any time they want to.”

Fundraiser

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to the press at private fundraising events. The Connecticut Democratic Party announced Monday that public officials would be attending the protest, including Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, state legislators Eleni Kavros-DeGraw of Avon and Jillian Gilchrest of West Hartford, Simsbury Selectman and legislative candidate Eric Wellman and Chris Mattei, a former federal prosecutor who explored a run for governor in 2018 and ran for state attorney general. Despite pledging to spend \$10 million of his own money on the race, Stefanowski has continued to raise money. The top ticket price for the Ricketts fundraiser was \$3,500 per person, which included entrance to a VIP reception. The ticket prices were \$2,500 for a platinum supporter, \$1,000 for gold supporter and \$250 for a “Save CT Supporter,” according to an invitation that was obtained by The Courant. The campaign has sent out invitations for a major fundraiser with New Hampshire Republican Gov. Chris Sununu that has a maximum ticket price of \$3,500 each. Stefanowski is locked in a high-stakes, big-money battle

against Gov. Ned Lamont, a fellow millionaire former business executive. Lamont has already spent more than \$40 million of his own money in three statewide races in 2006, 2010, and 2018. He is expected to spend millions more this year to keep his current position. Lamont’s campaign reacted quickly to the cancellation. “After refusing to release his consulting clients and his 2018 NRA questionnaire, this is just the latest attempt from Bob to conceal his actual positions from the voters of Connecticut,” said Jake Lewis, the campaign spokesman. “However, Bob’s record speaks for itself: from supporting Trump and Trump’s justices that are on the verge of overturning Roe v. Wade, to his promise to ‘veto any legislation that makes it tougher on gun owners.’ The simple truth remains that Bob is too extreme for Connecticut.” Stefanowski, who turned 60 on May 21, is trying to break a 15-year losing streak by Republicans in major races in Connecticut. In 2006, then-Gov. M. Jodi Rell and then-U.S. Rep. Chris Shays of Bridgeport both won reelection. But Shays lost in the Democratic wave that swept in Obama as president in 2008, and no Connecticut Republican has won a seat for Congress, governor or other statewide office since then.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of public hearing for planning and zoning application for the property at 155 River Road in Deep River CT, 06417

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM  
Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-7, a referendum of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Cromwell, Connecticut, will be held between the hours of noon and 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Cromwell High School, Donald Harris Drive, Cromwell, Connecticut for the purpose of voting on the resolution presented to the Special Town Meeting held June 2, 2022 that the Town appropriate \$58,604,400 for costs related to the planning, design, acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school. The full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours. The resolution will be placed on the ballot under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF CROMWELL APPROPRIATE \$58,604,400 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CENTRAL OFFICES; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, NOT DEFRAID FROM GRANTS?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution will vote "No."

Tabulators will be used.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut, and may be picked up there.

Absentee Ballots cannot be mailed due to the short period of time. Please see the Town of Cromwell website for additional information regarding absentee ballots.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut, this 7th day of June, 2022.

Allan Spotts, Mayor  
Town of Cromwell  
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#### NOTICE CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Robert Rivera (22-00486)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated June 9, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Madelyn B. Rivera, 111 Laurel Road, New Britain, CT 06052  
June 14, 2022 7230660

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BURTON BLUEMER, late of Cobalt (22-00145)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region #14 Probate Court, by decree dated June 10, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Electors of the Town of Killingworth and all those qualified to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby notified and warned that at Special Town Meeting will be held All Purpose Room of the Killingworth Elementary School on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7 p.m. to consider and act upon the following item of business:

1. To approve an amendment to ordinance 412-10 to include a cash stipend for any person eligible to receive a tax abatement and who is without sufficient property on the grand list. The complete text of the amended ordinance is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 8th day of June, 2022.

Nancy M. Gorski  
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Selectman  
Jamie Mowat Young  
Selectman  
June 14, 2022 7229617

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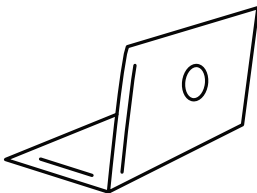
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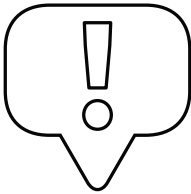
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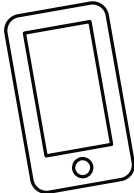
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# Dinosaurs flexible metaphors for Trevorrow

Director looks at lure of genetic power in ‘Jurassic World’ films

By Jake Coyle  
Associated Press

Questions about the dangers of human tampering with nature have been in the DNA of the “Jurassic Park” films from the start, but they’ve been given a workout in the “Jurassic World” trilogy.

Under the stewardship of filmmaker Colin Trevorrow, who directed “Jurassic World” and the new “Jurassic World Dominion” and co-wrote all three films including “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom,” the dinosaurs have carried plenty of metaphorical baggage on their way to nearly \$3 billion in box office receipts.

In “Jurassic World,” the reanimation of colossal beings from the past mirrored the movie’s own blockbuster reboot imperatives. “Fallen Kingdom,” with poachers and dinosaurs in crates, reflected the plight of endangered animals. “Dominion,” which returns original cast members Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum, casts dinosaurs around a planet with few safe habitats and rising threats of ecological imbalance.

This interview with Trevorrow has been edited for clarity and length.

**Q: These movies have centered on human responsibility for these creatures. Do you think about this trilogy as ultimately an animal-rights parable?**  
**A:** I do. I think that where we landed, we’re telling a story about how genetic power is extremely danger-



Director and co-writer Colin Trevorrow is seen on the set of “Jurassic World Dominion,” a film that depicts dinosaurs with few safe habitats and rising threats of ecological imbalance. **JOHN WILSON/UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT**

ously when wielded carelessly. But also the danger of displacing animals from their natural habitat and putting them into environments they don’t belong in. In all three of these films, we’ve tended to tell a story about someone who saw dinosaurs, or genetic power, as an opportunity. If you look back on (Michael) Crichton’s work, ultimately, the message is one of humility in the face of the natural world.

**Q: Were you at all struck by the irony of shooting a movie with locusts during**

**a time of plague?**  
**A:** Look, our world is heading toward imbalance in ways that we’re witnessing now. The consequences of it will be both predictable and unexpected. So we wanted to design an unexpected consequence of tamping with genetic power. We found it in sitting down with a few geneticists and scientists in Tel Aviv many years ago who laid out a scenario of ways the whole planet could be put in danger — specifically the food system — by the use of genetic mutilation. This is

the scenario they came up with when we asked them: “What’s the worst thing that can happen?”

**Q: After a lot of hand-wringing, movie theaters are approaching pre-pandemic levels of ticket sales. Are you confident about the state of moviegoing?**  
**A:** There’s been a lot of deep concern that, especially in the past six to eight months, has been proven to be unfounded. People will come out to the movies if you show them something they want to

see. If anything, as someone who loves film, that makes me a little sad — we just don’t have the diversity of experience available for people in theaters like we used to. It’s a certain kind of film — in this case, a film I’ve made. I’m thrilled that people are going to come see it. But I hope we’re going to return to a point when there’s all kind of different films in the theaters. I love that “Everything Everywhere All at Once” was the success that it was because we need those films, too.

**Q: Did making “Jurassic World Dominion” through the pandemic influence the film at all?**  
**A:** We definitely felt all of us that same set of fears and, in a lot of cases, that sense of despair and hopelessness that every human being on the planet was probably feeling at the time. You can see that we made a movie that is imbued with how we were feeling while we were making it. It’s just woven throughout every frame, even smaller characters saying things like “We’re not going to be around much longer, anyway.” There’s a tone there that was a result of making the movie when we did.

**Q: So you’ve channeled your own climate anxieties into writing these films?**  
**A:** In a way, but it’s not just me. It’s everyone who made the film. The actors and I work very closely, along with Emily Carmichael, my co-writer. We really were able to dig deep into our fears. I don’t know if the other films were as connected to the experience we were having while making them as this one is. The first film, “Jurassic World,” is

in some ways about itself, about the fact if there was money to be made, they would bring dinosaurs back regardless of what happened the last time. The second film was absolutely about the trafficking of animals outside their natural habitat. I remember when “Fallen Kingdom” came out, there’s a volcano in the movie. And a volcano erupted two or three months before the movie came out. It was just unsettling that something we had placed in a science-fiction movie was happening in the real world.

**Q: So to you, the dinosaurs have been quite flexible metaphors.**  
**A:** I need to, just for me as a storyteller, understand why we’re making more of these films. Oftentimes, I’ll find my answer in connecting it to what I fear most as we continue to hurtle toward whatever consequence will come from our actions and decisions over the past century. (Pauses) It’s also really fun, too. It’s, like, super fun.

**Q: It’s quite a tonal span from the apocalyptic doom at the start of the film to the “Indiana Jones”-like finale.**  
**A:** Ultimately, I knew we had to land in a place of hope. I’m not here to tell people to despair forever. I wanted to make sure if we were going to talk about the scientific inevitability of the path that we’re on, we also landed in a place that would make people walk out of the theater and feel like with cooperation, with togetherness and with coexistence, we could potentially overcome this.

**Q: And with Sam Neill.**  
**A:** It helps.

## CELEBRITIES

### BET Awards to honor Combs’ career

From news services

Sean “Diddy” Combs built one of hip-hop’s biggest empires, blazing a trail with his own music television network and fashion line, and now his decorated career has earned him one of the highest honors at the BET Awards this month.

Combs, 52, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award on June 26, the network announced Monday. He is the founder of Bad Boy Records and a three-time Grammy winner who has worked with a slew of top-tier artists including Notorious B.I.G., Mary J. Blige, Usher, Lil Kim, Faith Evans and 112. The music mogul created the fashion clothing line Sean John, launched Revolt TV with a focus on music and has his own vodka. He also produced the MTV reality show “Making the Band.”

“Diddy has always been a pioneering force in our community, breaking barriers, achieving unprecedented heights, blazing new trails, and, in so doing, raising the bar for all of us,” BET CEO Scott Mills said in a statement. “His virtuosity is matched only by his range — from music to media, culture, business and philanthropy — Diddy has exemplified Black excellence.”

The award is given to an individual who has shaped culture through their careers and “transformative leaders that consistently inspire generations.”

Past recipients include Prince, Whitney Houston, Queen Latifah, Samuel L. Jackson, Lionel Richie and New Edition.

**Keith discloses cancer diagnosis:** Country music star Toby Keith announced Sunday that he has been undergoing treatment for stomach cancer. The singer said on Twitter that he underwent surgery and



Sean “Diddy” Combs, seen May 15, will receive the BET Awards’ Lifetime Achievement Award. **JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION**

received chemotherapy and radiation in the past six months.

“So far, so good,” said Keith, 60. “I need time to breathe, recover and relax.

“I am looking forward to spending this time with my family. But I will see the fans sooner than later. I can’t wait.”

The status of Keith’s performances for the remainder of this year wasn’t immediately clear.

**Bieber reveals rare disorder:** Justin Bieber says a rare disorder that paralyzed half of the superstar performer’s face is the reason behind his tour postponement.

The Grammy winner is suffering from Ramsay Hunt syndrome, he said in a video he posted Friday on Instagram. The syndrome causes facial paralysis and affects nerves in the face through a shingles outbreak. Bieber demonstrated in the video that he could barely move one side of his face, calling the ailment “pretty serious.”

“For those frustrated by my cancellations of the next shows, I’m just physically, obviously not capable

of doing them,” he said.

Bieber said he’s unsure how long he’ll take to heal.

**‘Jurassic World 3’ rules at box office:** “Jurassic World Dominion” took a mighty bite out of the box office with \$143.4 million in North American ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Including earnings from international showings, the film, released globally by Universal Pictures, has already grossed \$389 million.

“Top Gun: Maverick” earned an estimated \$50 million in its third weekend to take second place. “Doctor Strange 2,” in its sixth weekend, was a distant third with \$4.9 million.

**June 14 birthdays:** Actor Marla Gibbs is 91. Singer Rod Argent is 77. Actor Will Patton is 68. Musician Marcus Miller is 63. Singer Boy George is 61. Actor Faizon Love is 54. Screenwriter Diablo Cody is 44. Actor J.R. Martinez is 39. Actor Kevin McHale is 34. Actor Lucy Hale is 33. Singer Jesy Nelson is 31. Actor Daryl Sabara is 30.



## ASK AMY

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### In-law’s financial help offers anger husband

**Dear Amy:** I have a very supportive family, but they are not able to be financially supportive of me as an adult.

I am very proud that I am about to pay off my student debt. My wife and I, both employed full time, are looking to buy our first home.

My wife’s family would like to help us out financially, which is kind but unnecessary. They called my wife to offer money, and she refused.

It became an argument, and they responded by threatening to deposit money into an account in her name.

I know I feel more strongly about doing this without their help than my wife does. Her parents will not bring this up when I am there (they told her that they know how I feel, so they decided to talk to her alone).

Her parents mean well but have a pattern of ignoring “no,” and I have felt violated in their efforts to “help” several times before.

My wife and I agree when they have overstepped, but we haven’t always agreed about what to do when it happens or how to change their behavior.

The idea of being ignored and the thought that these conversations are done intentionally without me being present makes me very angry.

Any suggestions for if I can say anything directly, or how to keep calm about this? I would appreciate an outside perspective.

— Upset Husband

**Dear Husband:** First of all, there is nothing wrong

with graciously accepting a gift. Some prosperous parents are choosing to essentially spend down their inheritance during their lifetimes.

You should ask yourself if your refusal is a result of you being too rigid or possibly as controlling as these parents seem to be. (I’m not saying you are, but you should explore this honestly.)

Your wife has the right to accept money from her folks, but she should also understand the ramifications in terms of ceding control over to them.

You and your wife are supposed to be partners: emotional, relational and financial.

When you married, you decided to form a family together, with the two of you in the center of your family. Both sets of parents should respect your partnership and take one giant step back.

While any of us might not want to look a financial gift-horse in the mouth, the way you describe these elders and their refusal to take “thanks but no thanks” as an answer makes them seem both interfering and controlling.

I can imagine that this makes your wife feel quite conflicted, but if you two can agree as a couple on a specific response to this, she will feel empowered, and you will be able to keep your cool.

A relationship counselor could help you two to agree on basic parameters.

**Dear Amy:** I have a friend whom I’ve known for decades.

My friend has a 16-year-old child who is shy, quiet and smart, but who

can’t get a word in edgewise when we three are together.

Is there a way to suggest to the parent that this friend takes all the air out of the room?

It might help the child to be able to say what they want, but I don’t want to lose a friend. How should I approach this?

— Attentive Friend

**Dear Attentive:** Speaking for a child is a habit that many parents have; for some, this may start when their child is very young, quiet or shy. The parent jumps in to relieve the child of the pressure to speak. Once the parent does this, it’s hard to stop.

(How do I know this? Because I did it!)

When you are with the parent and the teen, you can ask a question directly to the teen. When the parent jumps in, interrupt gently and say, “Hold on a minute — I’d love to hear (your child’s) answer.”

**Dear Amy:** “Estranged in-law” excessively worried that his young son would wonder why he didn’t have contact with his grandfather. Thank you for encouraging these parents to give their child a simple and truthful answer. Parents often hand their drama over to their children.

— Been There

**Dear Been There:** Children can understand that no two families are alike — and that’s OK!

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TV REVIEW

# Celebrities hire Lewis on ‘Hollywood Houselift’

By Nina Metz  
Chicago Tribune

There has always been media catering to celebrities who want to brag about their homes — and catering to us plebeians who want to poke around — from the faux classy sheen offered by Architectural Digest, to the more down-market displays offered up by shows dating back to “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” or “MTV Cribs.” No matter the personal style — austere, expensive minimalism or over-the-top everything — all of it is ostentatious and fascinating and says so much about how the 1% spend their wealth. This is the primary appeal of “Hollywood Houselift with Jeff Lewis” on Freevee, which doesn’t feature the super famous so much as the “merely” recognizable, including Wilmer Valderrama and Mira Sorvino. And boy, do they have *money*, which isn’t true of the vast majority of actors who are members of the Screen Actors Guild. But it’s still eye-opening to realize you don’t have to be an A-list actor in order to have hundreds of thousands of dollars at your disposal to plunk down on a room remodel.

Lewis is a familiar figure to anyone who listens to his radio show on SiriusXM or watched his longtime Bravo reality show “Flipping Out,” a title that was a play on words relating to his profession as a house-flipper, but also his tendency to blow up — sometimes with reason, sometimes not. The show ran for more than 10 seasons before it fizzled out in 2018, when the interpersonal dynamics became almost unwatchably ugly. Lewis has since parted ways with two people who garnered considerable camera time on that show: his longtime friend and



Actor Anthony Anderson, from left, designer Jeff Lewis and design assistant Andrew Coleman in the series “Hollywood Houselift.” **FREEVEE**

colleague, Jenni Pulos, as well as his partner of eight years, Gage Edward, with whom he shares a toddler daughter. Lewis has parted ways with a *lot* of people he has employed. People magazine has an entire story listing 17 of them, some of whom have since come back into the fold. That’s the thing about Lewis; even though he sometimes oversteps boundaries, he’s pretty honest about both his strengths and his flaws, and he seems willing to mend fences where possible and readjust his relationships so they work for both parties involved. Lewis is primarily an interior designer — his aesthetic is modern, clean and uncluttered — and his home office has now shrunk down to just one assistant: the easygoing Shane Douglas, who does not get on Lewis’ nerves.

That’s the first thing you notice about “Hollywood Houselift” — it’s less fraught and chaotic. Lewis tends to suck up the oxygen of any room he enters, but he’s also smart and self-deprecating, and he just wants to *get things done*. Anyone who has been through a home reno will appreciate this. Ditching the nasty interpersonal drama that fueled much of the previous show, “Hollywood Houselift” centers on an element that always interested me more: The weirdness of working with high-end clientele. This time out, instead of non-famous moneyed somebody-or-others, we’re getting a look at how celebrities operate under these circumstances — even when they know cameras are there. These aren’t minor projects, but they are *limited* projects: a pool house,

a front yard, redoing a bathroom or kitchen or bedroom. Presumably, the celebrities are getting some kind of financial compensation in exchange for appearing on the show, although that’s coyly left unsaid. Even so, many still balk at paying full price for anything. The thing about LA is that no matter how rich you are, somebody else always has more. And in this rarefied bubble, wealth becomes relative. Either way, these are people — and that includes Lewis — entirely disconnected from the financial stresses the vast majority of Americans are facing at the moment, and it’s surreal to see the show’s participants act as if every price estimate is a personal offense. Sorvino hires Lewis to redo her pool and deck area at her Malibu home, which suffered smoke damage

from wildfires. Melissa Rivers looks to redo the en suite bathroom to her primary bedroom. Valderrama, who stars on “NCIS,” and his fiancée, Amanda Pacheco, ask Lewis to redo a couple of rooms. I was charmed by married couple Ashlee Simpson Ross and Evan Ross. She’s the younger sister of Jessica Simpson, he’s the son of Diana Ross. They really are darling and have funky, high-end tastes. As for Lewis, I have no idea if things have evened out for him personally, or if careful editing means we’re just not seeing as much of that strife on camera. But we do still get a glimpse into his world. Now in his 50s, he’s raising a young daughter through a joint custody arrangement (she’s not part of the show), and he’s finally looking for a home to settle

down in, not just flip. He’s said the same thing before (Lewis buys and sells the homes he lives in at a rate that would discombobulate most people) so who knows how serious he is — but he wasn’t a father until now, and he clearly wants some stability, and a yard, for his daughter. It’s touching to see him want to take that a step further, with the intention of adding another child to his family. It’s just a matter of finding a gestational surrogate and hoping the implantation takes. Nothing about this part of the show feels like a put-on or juiced for the cameras. Just a single gay dad, hoping to give his daughter a sibling. If the quest feels daunting to embark on alone, that’s never stopped Lewis before. **Where to watch:** Freevee

TV Q&A

## How will network TV shows fare in Emmy nominations?

By Rich Heldenfels  
Tribune News Service

**Q: Why has James Spader never been nominated for an Emmy for “The Blacklist”? He is an incredible actor.**  
**Q: What are the chances of “The Equalizer” being nominated for an Emmy?**  
**A:** Let’s start with the acknowledgment that Spader has received some Emmy love: four nominations and three wins for his work on “Boston Legal,” although his last nomination was more than a dozen years ago. And “The Equalizer” is a respectable show, combining its action framework with a social conscience. But, as I have said before, the Emmys and many other awards tend not to honor solid, unpretentious work or widely popular productions; they instead try to make themselves look good by praising shows where they see the deep, edgy, innovative and unconventional — and voters more often find that on cable and streaming services.

In the most recent Emmys, only one drama series nominee was from broadcast, “This Is Us,” and Netflix’s “The Crown” won; the comedy series winner was the Apple TV+ show “Ted Lasso,” while “black-ish” was the only broadcast series among the eight nominees. The Los Angeles Times recently asked six writers to predict shows and performers most likely to get Emmy nominations when they are announced July 12; of the 13 dramas getting votes, only one was a broadcast series (“This Is Us” again). Now, it’s possible that a broadcast show can break through; there’s a lot of pre-Emmys love for



Queen Latifah stars in “The Equalizer.” **BARBARA NITKE/CBS**

the ABC comedy “Abbott Elementary” this year. And some people succeed no matter the platform; the wonderful Regina King has won acting Emmys for work on ABC, HBO and Netflix. But broadcast success in Emmys can still be a tough go in a very competitive world. **Q: There was an old movie about American spies in Europe, and one of the spies gets caught because he “ate” like an American — eating with his fork in the wrong hand. My brother thinks I’m crazy. Please settle this for us.**  
**A:** The movie you remember is “O.S.S.,” a 1946 drama starring Alan Ladd (though not as the guy with the fatal table manners). O.S.S., by the way, stands for Office of Strategic Services, a precursor to the CIA. **Q: There were many special concerts after 9/11, with rich music and so many artists. Are they still available?**  
**A:** You can still find the two biggest presentations of that era. There is an available DVD of “The Concert for New York City,” which featured David Bowie, Bon Jovi, Billy Joel, Destiny’s Child and others; there was also a CD release from

the concert that can be found but is sometimes pricey. “America: A Tribute to Heroes,” a TV special with Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Tom Petty, Mariah Carey and more is available on DVD and CD. **Q: Will there be a fifth season of “The Connors”?**  
**A:** Yes. There was some extra deal-making because, according to Deadline.com, the key cast members have year-to-year deals instead of multiyear agreements, as well as the production company needing a new agreement with ABC. But everything is in place for the show’s return in the fall. **Q: Is “Clarice” canceled on CBS? If so, will it possibly show up on another network or a streaming service?**  
**A:** The series, about “Silence of the Lambs” character Clarice Starling, ended after a single season on CBS. No one has picked it up for new episodes. *Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.*

## HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Something is beckoning to you from far away to the next stage of your life. If you’ve been feeling boxed in, now is the perfect time to seek out ways to expand your life. The universe is sending you amazing opportunities. Get ready to fly free. **Taurus (April 20-May 20):** A powerful and potent energy is bubbling up today, which could have you feeling like you’re being put through a rather extreme ringer. There is much to be gained, but you might find it requires a bit of a transformation. If you leave something old behind, something new could be yours.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Partnerships are coming into clearer focus for you. This could result in a merger with a business partner, or a personal relationship will take an important step forward. If you feel like you’ve been trudging along with no one to aid you, then a helping hand could appear soon.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** You’re being given the chance to become your best self, Cancer. This could impact you at the office, or wherever you spend productive time, perhaps bringing you a new client willing to spend or a fresh project with lots of potential.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You’ve got good reason to celebrate — a bottle of champagne to pop might be in order. Under this energy you get to put your wants front and center, so do everything you can to enjoy at this time. That is exactly what the universe wants you to do. Pursue your desires, and they’ll pursue you in return. **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** There’s something special brewing under your roof today. Relations with a family member or roommate could be especially important right now — this is also a good time to tend to tasks around the house. Whether it’s redecorating or seeking out a brand-new abode, keep your eyes peeled for improvements.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Life is about to pick up the pace. You could notice an influx of invitations or appointments, so do your best to keep track of any obligations as their number increases. The written word is also emphasized, so if you’ve got something to say, now is the perfect time.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Finances might be on your mind. If you’re feeling comfortable, you should look into ways to invest money. However, if you’re feeling pinched, start looking for money-making opportunities. When you discover one, it could be worth its weight in gold.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** All eyes are on you, Sagittarius. You can focus on your ultimate goals and ambitions — don’t hesitate to chase after them without any fear. This is a major manifestation period as well. If you have been hammering away at a personal project, then it’s time to harvest the fruit of the seeds you planted. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** There’s an emphasis on emotional release at this time. Use this as an opportunity to clear out any toxic behaviors or old baggage which is no longer serving you, because you’ll be able to move forward that much easier without it weighing you down. Something new awaits, but you must tend to the old first.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The groups you surround yourself with take on a new importance today. This would be a wonderful time to get people together. Consider opening the event up to those you don’t know as deeply. Someone you’re only a little familiar with could become someone worth knowing more.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your place is at the head of the line right now. A supervisor could tear away some red tape that has been holding you back. This is also the perfect time to show people what you’ve been working on behind the scenes, so make your big reveal.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On June 14, 1777,** the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag. **In 1919,** John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown

embarked on the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean in a Vickers Vimy biplane bomber. **In 1954,** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. **In 1967,** California Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a bill liberalizing his state’s abortion law.

**In 1972,** the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a ban on domestic use of the pesticide DDT. **In 1993,** President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. **In 2005,** Michelle Wie, 15, became the first female player to qualify for an adult male U.S. Golf Association championship.



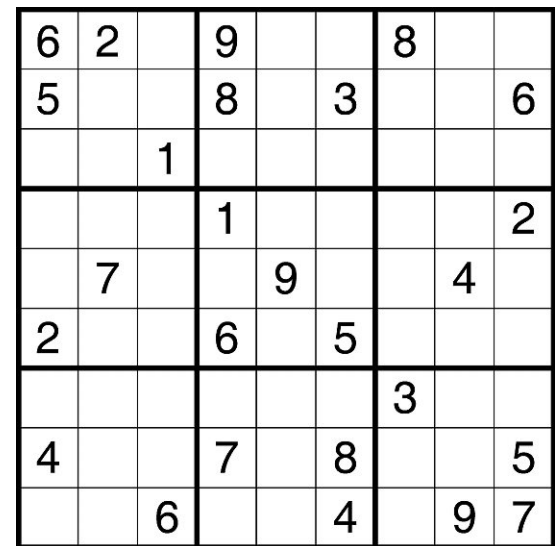
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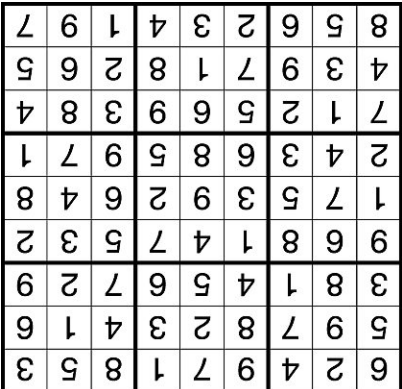
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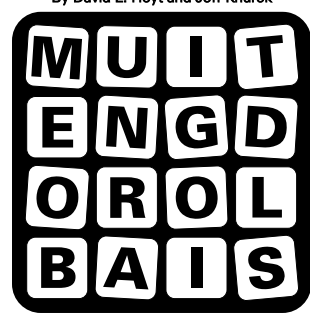
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BOGGLE



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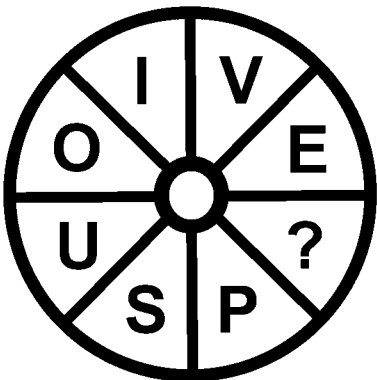
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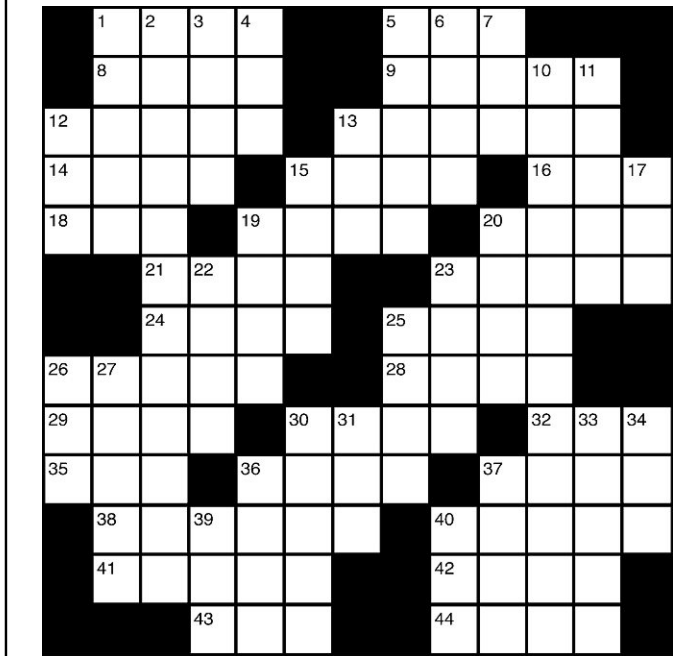
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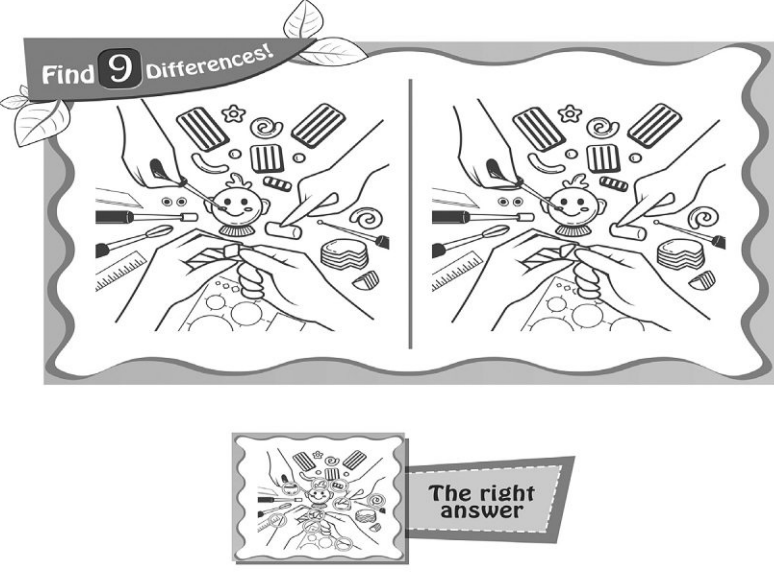
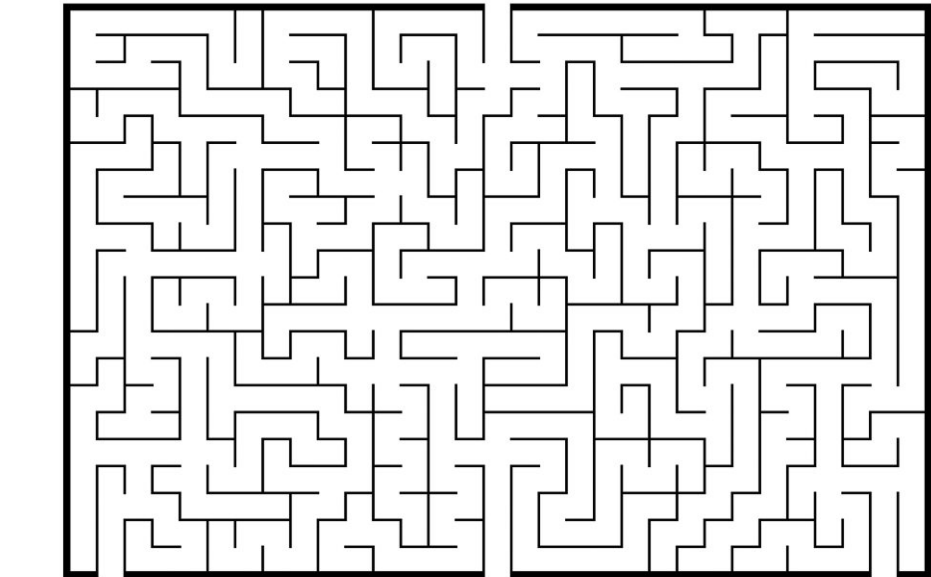


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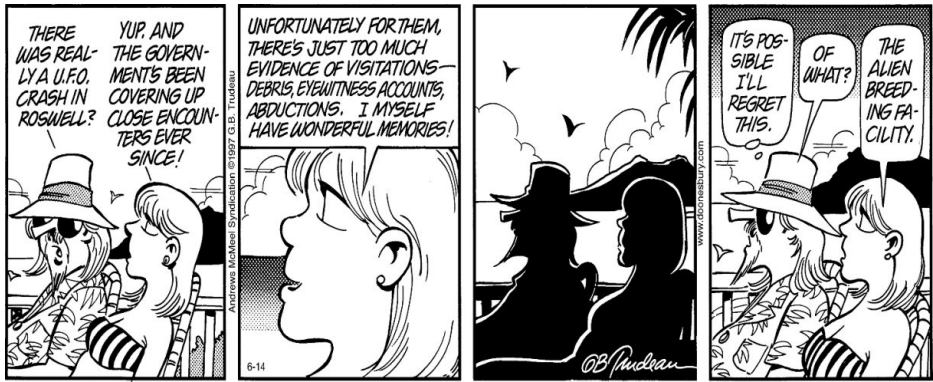




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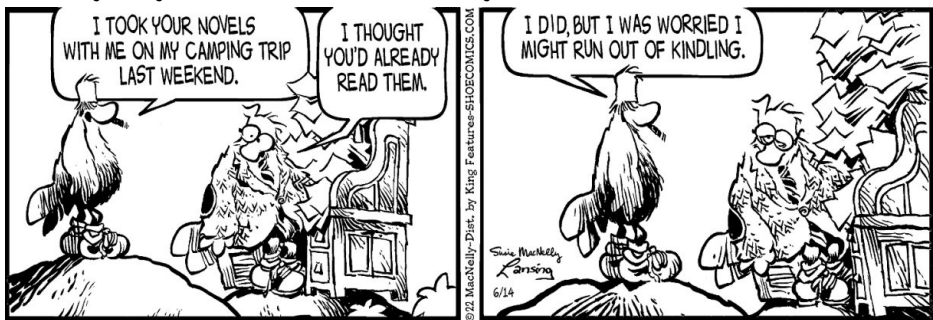
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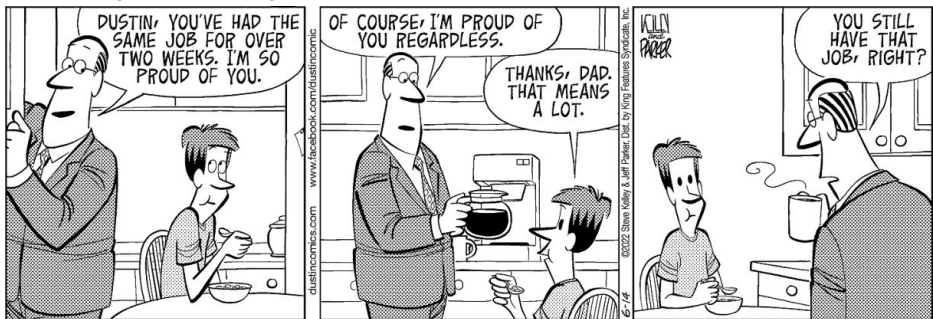
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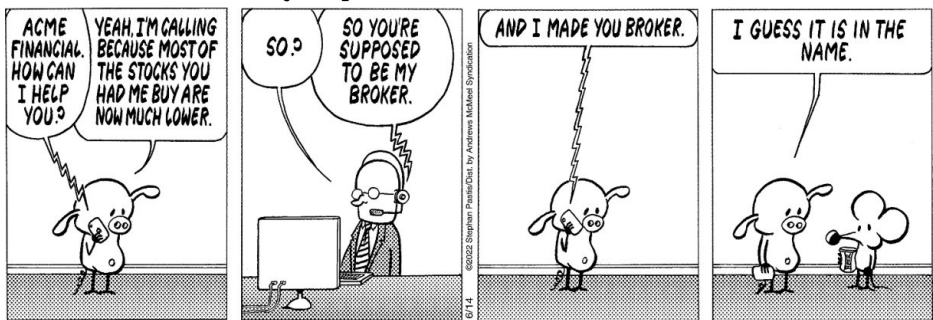
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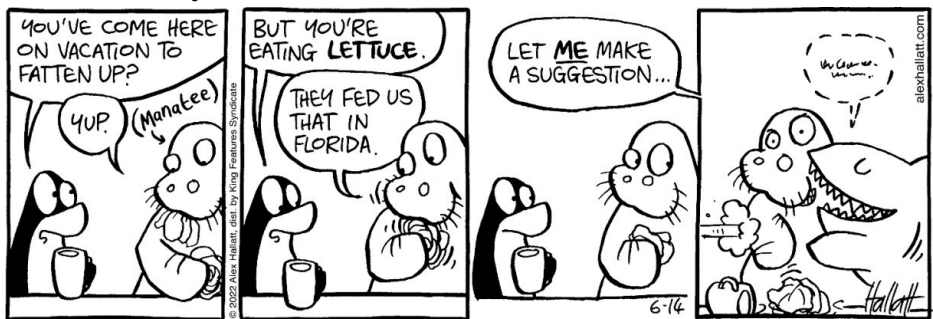
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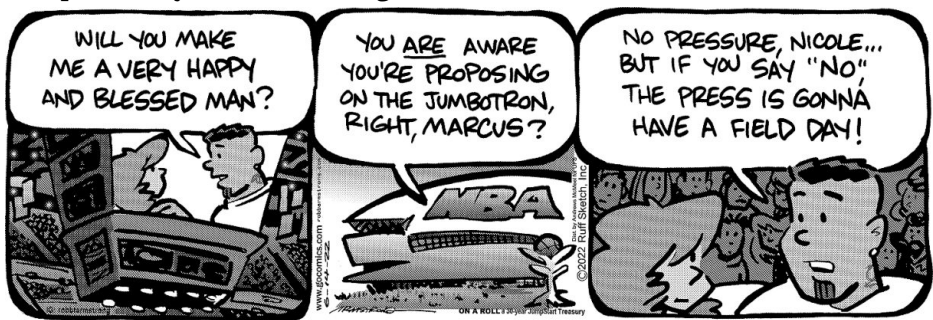
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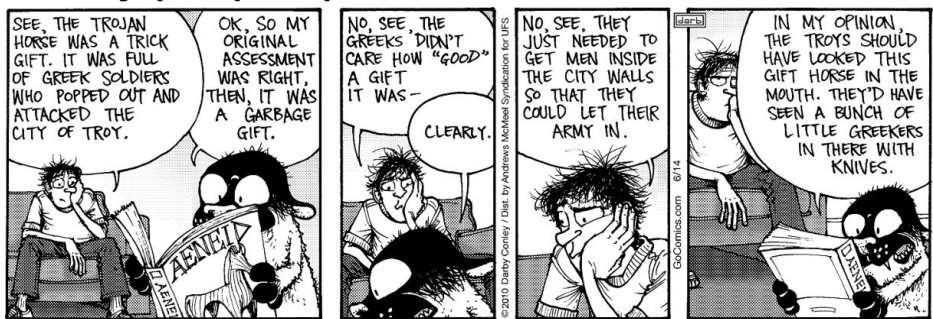
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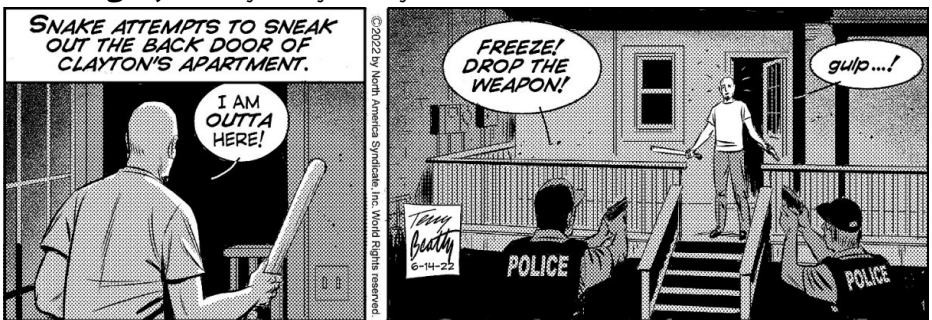
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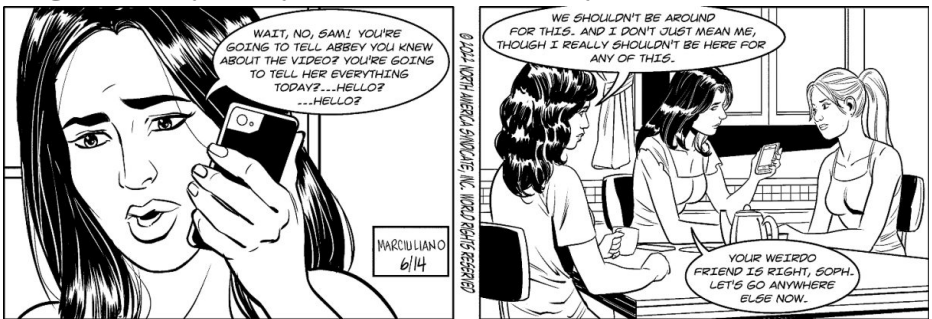
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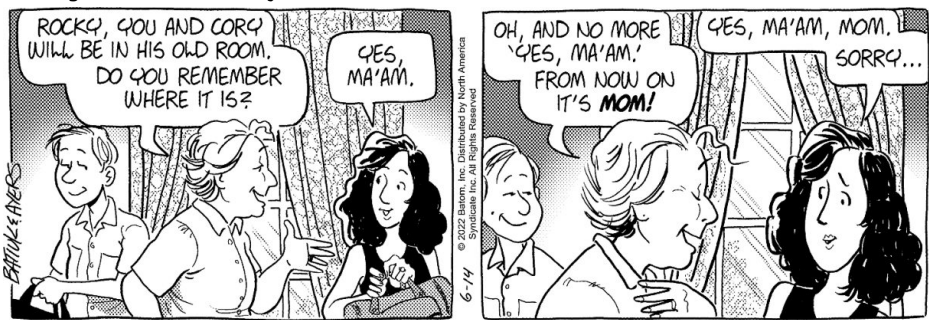
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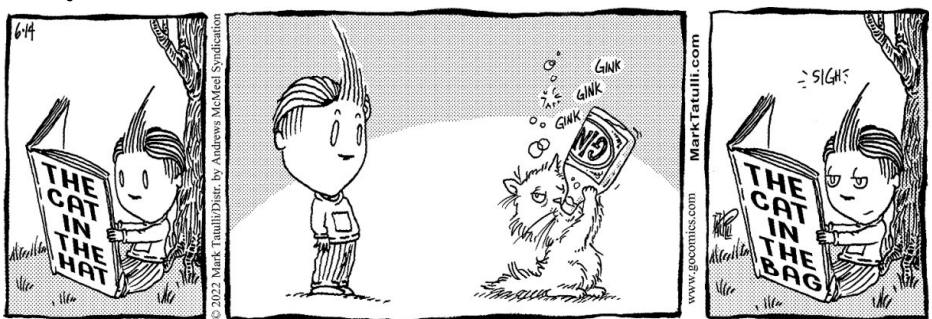
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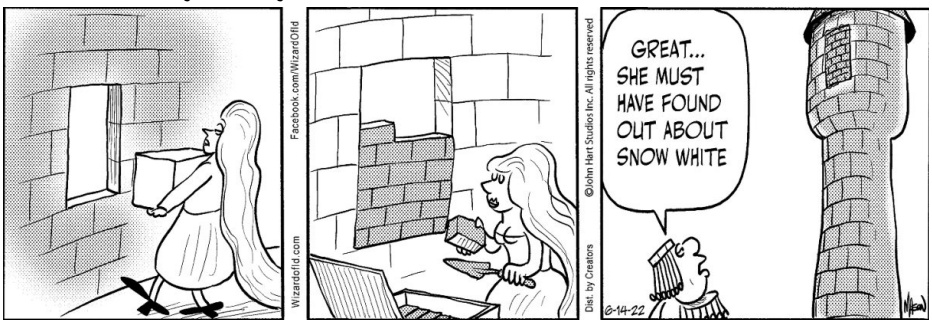
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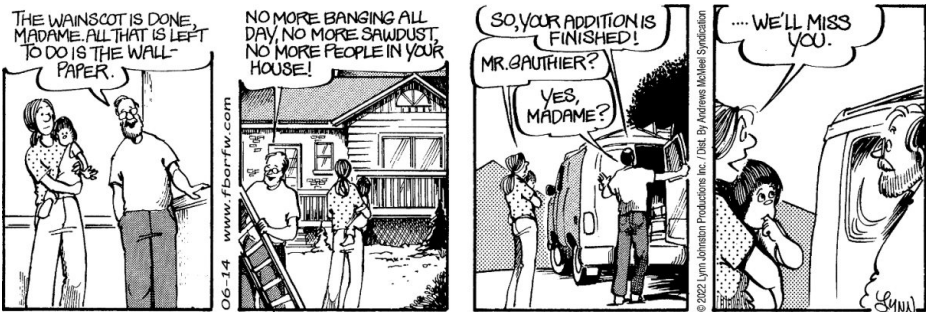


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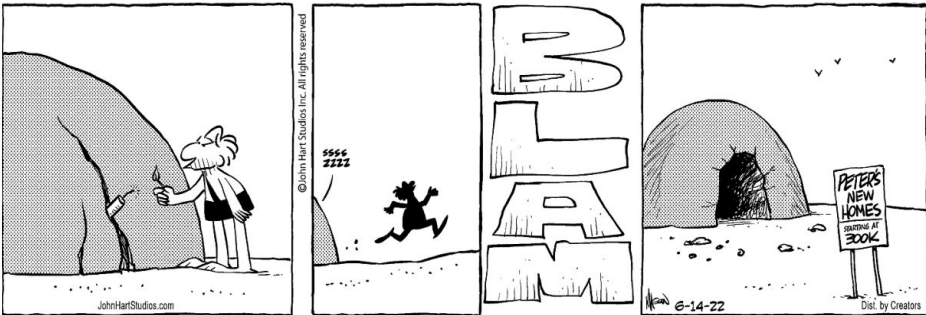




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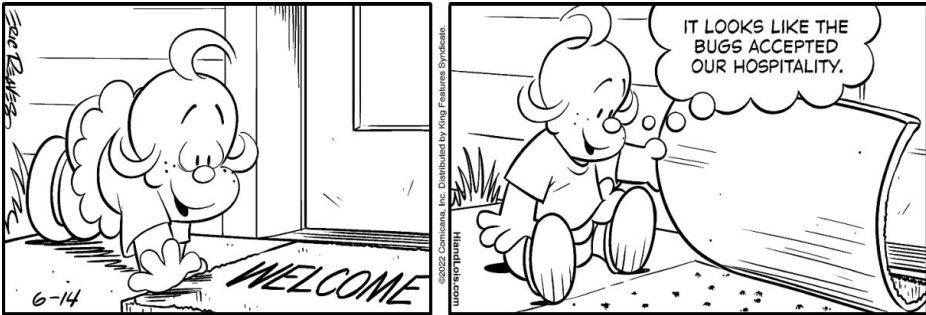
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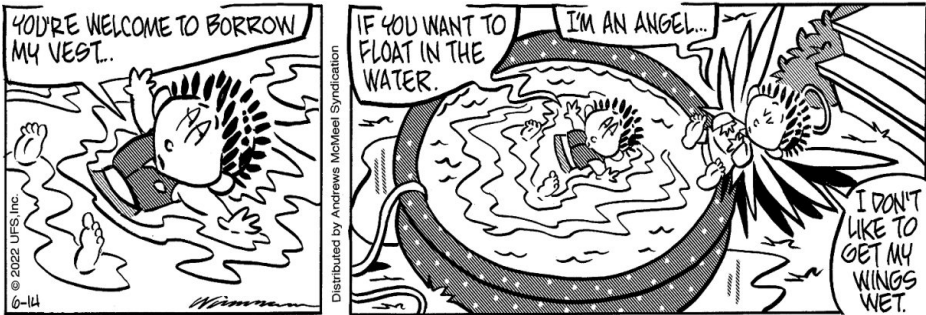
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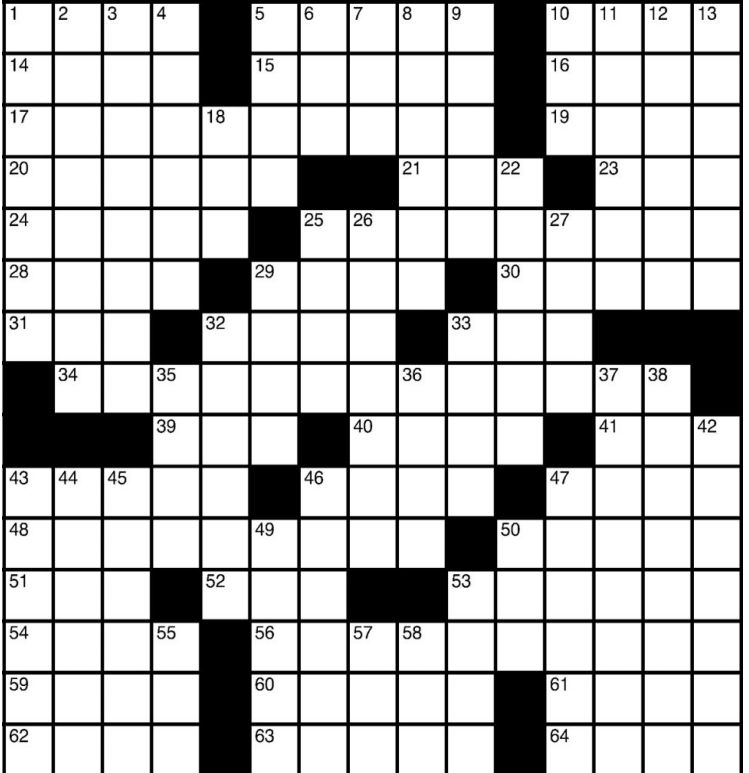
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14 More than a snack  
15 Words to live by  
16 Emotional request  
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19 Feminine pronoun  
20 Like one's back during cat pose  
21 Throw shade at  
23 Finger food at luaus  
24 "Mossy, bossy" Seuss character  
25 A-plus student  
28 Amtrak sta. times  
29 Slot in a cash drawer  
30 Twisted humor  
31 Female sib  
32 "East of Eden" director Kazan  
33 Docent's deg.  
34 Hard-to-open cap  
39 Air gun shot  
40 Jazz singer Anita  
41 Op. \_\_: footnote abbr.  
43 Diet based on the eating habits of early humans  
46 Business attire  
47 Mexican coin  
48 Coffee order similar to a latte  
50 Not quite foggy

- 51 Post-op area  
52 \_\_ card: smartphone need  
53 Lively dances  
54 Novelist \_\_ Neale Hurston  
56 Scold harshly  
59 Like 8 or 88  
60 Gabrielle of "Being Mary Jane"  
61 Filmmaker Preminger  
62 Depend (on)  
63 Trivial, as a complaint  
64 Cry

Down

- 1 Sticks a stake in, as a vampire  
2 Overly anxious  
3 Dramatic end of a cinematic chase scene  
4 Socially dominant figures  
5 Kept in the email loop  
6 \_\_ Lanka  
7 A pop  
8 Athletic brand with a three-stripe logo  
9 Deferral denial  
10 Dashboard abbr.  
11 Pepper named for a Syrian city  
12 Focus (on)  
13 With very little effort  
18 Luthor of the comics  
22 Looking swell  
25 Short cut?  
26 Save, as a newspaper article  
27 Eurasia's \_\_ Mountains  
29 Alero automaker, informally  
32 Macaroni often used in cold salads

- 33 Zoo trench  
35 "Yeah, sure"  
36 Dog that licks Garfield  
37 Enjoy the lake in winter, perhaps  
38 Aversion  
42 Place to buy gifts for kids  
43 Vaccine manufacturer  
44 Tucked-away recess  
45 Bay leaf source  
46 Gymnast Biles who won four gold medals in Rio  
47 Cushion  
49 Ask for a donation  
50 "Calvin and Hobbes" bully  
53 Measly  
55 "\_\_ takers?"  
57 Trivial complaint  
58 Received



By Barbara Lin Tribune Content Agency 6/14/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 5 3  
♥ J 9 5  
♦ Q J 10 9  
♣ Q J 10 9

WEST

- ♠ A K 9 8 7 2  
♥ A 2  
♦ 7 5  
♣ K 5 3

EAST

- ♠ Q J 10  
♥ 7 4  
♦ 8 6 4 2  
♣ 8 6 4 2

SOUTH

- ♠ 6 4  
♥ K Q 10 8 6 3  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥		

Opening lead — king of spades.

Signals point the way

Good defense is probably the hardest part of bridge, and often the difficulty lies in poor partnership communication.

Consider this deal, which features exceptionally good defense. West leads the king of spades, on which East plays the queen.

The queen play has a special meaning in a well-developed partnership: it guarantees a singleton or the jack. The queen is never played on the king from a holding of Q-x in order to show a doubleton.

The application of this universally recognized convention enables West to lead a low spade at trick two, knowing that East will win the trick in one way or another. In the actual hand, West returns the deuce of spades rather than his fourth-best spade, thereby transmitting his own special message to partner.

East wins with the ten and must decide whether to return a diamond or a club. His decision is crucial to the outcome. If he leads a diamond, declarer makes the contract; if he leads a club, declarer goes down one.

East chooses the club return because of West's deuce of spades lead. He knows from the bidding that West almost surely has six spades, and that his deuce play is aimed at directing which suit East should return rather than at giving a count of the number of spades he has.

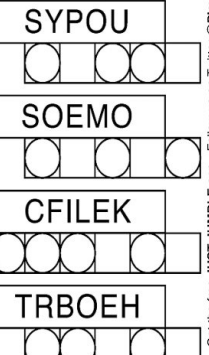
The carefully chosen deuce play is a suit-preference signal, asking East to return the lower-ranking suit (as between diamonds and clubs). If West preferred a diamond return at trick three, he would lead the nine of spades instead.

Tomorrow: First things first.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



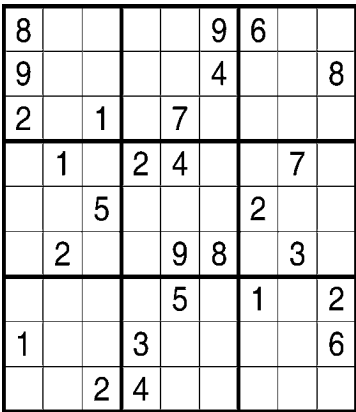
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



(Answers tomorrow)

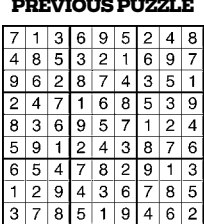
Yesterday's Jumbles: TOPAZ SHINY INFUSE LOCKET  
Answer: The mime had the winning bid at the — SILENT AUCTION

TODAY'S SUDOKU

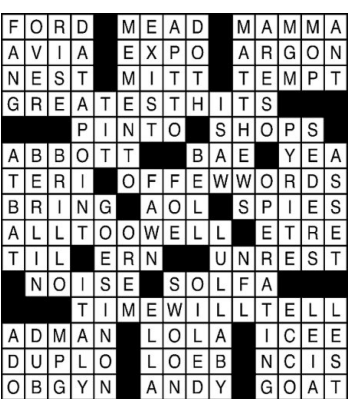


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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NBA FINALS CELTICS VS. WARRIORS

## Who gets the bling if Boston captures the ring?

By Adam Himmelsbach  
Boston Globe

SAN FRANCISCO — The Celtics entered Game 5 of the NBA Finals against the Warriors on Monday night just two wins from their first championship since 2008. No player on the current roster has ever won a title; they would be winning their first championship rings.

For much of this unusual season, the Celtics roster was a revolving door: 32 players have been on the

team. So would those who have departed be in position to secure the splashy jewelry, too? Well, maybe.

Officially, league rules stipulate that a player must be a member of the roster at season's end to be eligible for a ring, but the decision essentially rests with the team. An NBA spokesperson said that when teams request permission to give rings to former players, they are typically granted. But those requests tend to be rare. The only hard-and-fast rule is that the

player has to have been a member of the team at some point during the season.

When COVID-19 was pummeling NBA rosters in late December, the league established a hardship exception that allowed teams to sign extra players to 10-day contracts without affecting the 15-player roster limit. Then in February, the Celtics made three trades, sending out seven players and adding Derrick White and Daniel Theis, filling most of those empty spots with G League callups.

### Online

Monday night's Game 5 ended too late for this edition. For complete coverage, go to [courant.com/sports](https://courant.com/sports)

Seven-time All-Star Joe Johnson, 40, signed a 10-day deal in December and hit his only shot in his only appearance, a two-minute stint against the Cavaliers. Bol Bol and P.J. Dozier were injured when acquired in Janu-

ary and remained injured when they were traded a month later. There were other veterans on 10-day contracts you've probably forgotten: Al-Farouq Aminu, Justin Jackson, Norvel Pelle. And rotation players Romeo Langford, Dennis Schröder, Josh Richardson, Enes Freedom, Bruno Fernando and Juancho Hernangómez were dealt as part of team president Brad Stevens' midseason rebuild. Whether any would get championship rings could ultimately be up to team ownership.

COLLEGE BASEBALL STANFORD 10, UCONN 5



A UConn player walks off the field while Stanford players celebrate after the Cardinal closed out a 10-5 victory in Game 3 to win the Super Regional in Palo Alto, California. D. ROSS CAMERON/AP

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Hawkins ready to take flight

By Shreyas Laddha  
Hartford Courant

Whenever Jordan Hawkins feels down, he hears his dad Craig's voice in his head telling him, "Only the strong survive."

So, it's no surprise the guard often recalled his father's advice throughout an adversity-filled freshman season with the UConn men's basketball team. Hawkins missed the first couple of games due to an ankle injury, battled COVID-19 and sat out the last few games due to a concussion. Still, it wasn't all bad.

"I thought my freshman year was good," Hawkins said. "It was filled with its ups and downs. That's what I enjoyed about it and what I remember most about it."

The 6-foot-5 guard from Maryland heads into his sophomore season ready to showcase all he's learned from the trials and tribulations of his first season.

"It made me mentally and physically tough," Hawkins said. "Going through all of that was just great. Next year, I can take that in and learn from the mistakes I made last year."

Despite a season filled with challenging moments, Hawkins earned Big East All-Freshman Team honors. He averaged 5.8 points and two rebounds in 14 minutes per game. Hawkins heads into his sophomore season with heightened expectations and a much more significant role on both ends of the court. He says he's ready for the challenge.

"You are going to see a lot more Jordan Hawkins," Hawkins said. "I'm going to play my game to the best of my ability — defense, offense and just help my team win in every single way."

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UConn guard Jordan Hawkins, who faced plenty of adversity throughout his freshman season, is looking forward to taking on a bigger role as a sophomore. JESSICA HILL/AP

# Dream season ends

## UConn falls 1 win short of College World Series at Stanford

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

When the UConn baseball team featuring six future major leaguers lost in an NCAA Regional in Norwich in 2010, coach Jim Penders ended his press conference vowing, "from now on, the last line of our schedule is going to say Omaha."

He had big aspirations, despite the disadvantages of playing in the Northeast, and he built a program that has returned to the NCAA Tournament seven times since. This week, UConn got closer to Omaha, Nebraska, where the College World Series is played,

than it has since 1979, when the tournament was much smaller, the format much different.

But the quest continues, not yet fulfilled. The Huskies came up one win short, losing the deciding game of the Super Regional to Stanford 10-5 on Monday in Palo Alto, Calif.

After splitting the first two games, UConn jumped out to a 3-0 lead on Ben Huber's bases-loaded double in the first inning in Game 3, but with a chance to break the game open, left the bases loaded and its pitching and defense couldn't make those runs stand up against the Cardinal's thunderous bats.

Stanford (47-16), the No. 2 seed in the field of 64, got 15 hits off seven UConn pitchers, taking the lead on Adam Crompton's two-run single in the fourth and, after a couple of UConn miscues, breaking it open with Kody Huff's grand slam. The Cardinal hit 10 home runs in the three games, and after UConn led 13-4 in the seventh inning of Game 1, outscored the Huskies 26-6 over the last 20 innings of the Super Regional, and will go to Omaha for the 18th time in school history.

The Huskies (50-16) set a school record for victories, breaking the 2010 team's mark of 48. They won the Big East regular season and

tournament titles, and as the No. 3 seed, emerged from the Maryland Regional to get to a Super Regional for the first time since 2011.

After winning 13-12 on Saturday and losing 8-2 Sunday, UConn had to win a winner-take-all game at Stanford's "Sunken Diamond," where the Cardinal had won nine of nine previous winner-take-all games in its history. The Huskies jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but missed a chance for a first-inning knockout blow. David Smith and Erik Stock singled, Casey Dana was hit by a pitch and Huber

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Fairfield transfer Lopez Sénéchal fitting right in

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

When Lou Lopez Sénéchal entered transfer portal from Fairfield this spring, she was looking for a challenge and step up in competition for her last year of college

eligibility. She expected high level schools to reach out, but if she's being completely honest, UConn wasn't on her radar. She didn't think a program of that caliber would be interested.

Lopez Sénéchal was excited when UConn did contact her, and

the school quickly became her top priority. Once she visited campus with her family, who flew in from her native country of France, the decision "was a no-brainer."

But even now, a few months later

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### Inside

UConn forward Aaliyah Edwards to participate in Canada Basketball's U23 training camp ahead of GLOBAL JAM tournament. Page 2



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**Yankees:** Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Mets:** Brewers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
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**Sun:** Dream; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Storm, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Mystics, Sunday, 2 p.m.  
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YARD GOATS

Eyeing a spot in playoffs

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

The Hartford Yard Goats are in new territory: a playoff chase. It may seem a little early, but with the Eastern League going to a split-season format, the Yard Goats can clinch a playoff spot before the first half ends June 26. They lead Somerset in the Northeast Division by 2 ½ games with 12 to go. If the Yard Goats finish the first half in first place, postseason baseball will come to Dunkin’ Donuts Park in September, even though some of the players who helped the team get there will likely be promoted by then. The Yard Goats (38-19) swept a six-game series at Portland last week, a first in franchise history, and have won seven consecutive series. Their nine-game winning streak is the longest active streak in all of minor-league baseball as the Guardians’ Double-A affiliate, the Akron RubberDucks, comes to Hartford this week for games Tuesday through Sunday. Akron (32-25) is second in the Southwest Division, one game behind Richmond. Next week the Yard Goats finish the first half with a six-game series at Somerset, which will decide the first-half winner. Here is what you need to know about the upcoming homestand:

Probable starters and promotions

**Tuesday:** 7:05 p.m.: Yard Goats LHP Nick Bush vs. Akron RHP Hunter Gaddis  
**Promotion:** Yard Goats Kids Camo Jersey for first 1,000 kids.  
**Wednesday:** 7:05 p.m.: Hartford RHP Noah Davis vs. Akron LHP Joey Cantillo  
**Promotion:** ’80s Night celebrating all things neon and denim.  
**Thursday:** 7:05 p.m.: RHP Karl Kauffmann vs. Akron LHP Logan Allen  
**Promotion:** Marvel’s Defenders of the Diamond: Meet Captain America.  
**Friday:** 7:05 p.m.: RHP Mitch Kilkenney vs. Akron RHP Xzavion Curry  
**Promotion:** Negro League Celebration.  
**Saturday:** 6:05 p.m.: RHP Michael Baird vs. Akron RHP Tanner Burns  
**Promotion:** Pajama Party with post-



Mitch Kilkenney will take the mound for the Yard Goats on Friday. The Akron RubberDucks will be in Hartford all week as the Goats try to nail down a playoff spot by holding on to first place for the first half of the season. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

game fireworks, prizes for best PJ’s. **Sunday:** 1:05 p.m.: LHP Nick Bush vs. Akron RHP Gavin Williams  
**Promotion:** Father’s Day Celebration; Kids & Dads Run the Bases postgame.

How to watch/listen

Radio — FM 100.9 or AM 1410 WPOP; video stream — MiLB.tv; internet — newsradio1410.iheart.com (iHeartRadio app)  
For tickets and information, visit yardgoatsbaseball.com or call 860-246-4628.

Bush on a roll

Nick Bush was named Eastern League Pitcher of the Week after his performance at Portland. Bush, 25, earned his fifth win, tops on the team, with seven scoreless innings last Wednesday. He retired the final 19 batters he faced with four strikeouts and no walks in a 4-0 win. Bush, who played at LSU, is in his second season with the Yard Goats and has a 3.48 ERA with 58 strikeouts in 62 innings. He also beat Reading in his last start in Hartford. The Yard Goats have won eight of his 11 starts.

Players to watch

Ezequiel Tovar is still hitting, at .310

with 12 home runs, 39 RBIs and a .951 on-base plus slugging mark. Michael Toglia (11 home runs 40 RBIs) and Willie MacIver (10, 28) are still slugging. Infielder Jack Blomgren is 6-for-17 with two doubles and a home run since debuting for the Yard Goats on May 17. Akron has several of Cleveland’s top prospects including catcher Bo Naylor, shortstop Brayan Rocchio, outfielder George Valera and pitchers Logan Allen and Xzavion Curry. Center fielder Will Brennan leads the RubberDucks with a .311 average.

About Akron

The Akron franchise is the historical descendant of the West Haven Yankees (1972-1979), who later moved to Lynn, Massachusetts; Burlington, Vermont; and in 1988 to Canton, Ohio, when they became a Cleveland farm club. They moved from Canton to Akron in 1996 and rebranded as the Aeros, then took the name RubberDucks in 2013 to identify with the city’s several tire factories. The RubberDucks are managed by Rouglas Odor, the uncle of major-league infielder Rougned Odor. Rouglas Odor has been in pro baseball in various capacities since 1988.

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Hovland and Fleetwood commit to Travelers

Viktor Hovland, a three-time winner on the PGA Tour, and European Tour veteran Tommy Fleetwood have committed to play in the Travelers Championship in Cromwell next week, tournament organizers announced Monday. Hovland made his professional debut at the 2019 Travelers Championship and is No. 8 in the Official World Golf Ranking. Fleetwood is a five-time winner on the European Tour. “Having Viktor and Tommy with us further adds to the strength of our field of players this year,” said tournament director Nathan Grube. Hovland, who played for Team Europe in the 2021 Ryder Cup and represented Norway in the Olympics last year in Japan, will be making his third start at TPC River Highlands. Fleetwood has three top-10 finishes in major championships, including second place at the 2018 U.S. Open and 2019 British Open. The addition of Hovland gives the Travelers Championship six players among the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking: 2022 Masters champion Scottie Scheffler (No. 1), 2022 PGA Championship winner Justin Thomas (No. 5), reigning PGA Tour Player of the Year Patrick Cantlay (No. 4), Rory McIlroy (No. 3) and Sam Burns (No. 9). The Travelers Championship will be held June 20-26, with gates open to all spectators starting June 22.

**Wolf Pack to re-sign Giuttari:** The Hartford Wolf Pack agreed to terms on a one-year, standard AHL contract with defenseman Zach Giuttari for the 2022-23 AHL season. The native of Warwick, Rhode Island, enters his fourth season with the Wolf Pack. He appeared in a career-high 56 games last season, scoring one goal and a career-high 13 assists. Giuttari is the fourth player to sign an AHL contract with the Wolf Pack for next season, joining forwards Tanner Fritz, Cristiano DiGiacinto and Alex Whelan.

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cleared the baes with a double into the left field corner. That sent Stanford coach David Esquer to the mound to replace Joey Dixon with lefty Drew Dowd. Bryan Padillo doubled, but Huber had to hold at third, and momentum changed. Korey Morton popped up, and after a walk, Matt Donlan hit into a double play to end the inning. Stanford got one back quickly when Brock Jones doubled and scored on a sacrifice fly against UConn starter Ian Cooke, the freshman from New Milford. After a walk, Kody Huff doubled in a run to make it 3-2. Cooke threw 32 pitches in the first and was replaced by Garrett Coe in the second, starting a parade of relievers. Dowd and Coe settled the game down, but Stanford took the lead in the fourth with help of a muffed pick-off attempt that put two in scoring position. Crompton singled to drive in two, before Enzo Stefanoni relieved. The inning was extended when Bryan Padilla, about to throw to first for the third out, slipped. Then Stefanoni walked a batter and served up a grand slam to Huff and UConn was down, 8-3. Tommy Troy homered in the fifth to



UConn pitcher Enzo Stefanoni waits while Stanford’s Kody Huff runs out his grand slam in the fourth inning. D. ROSS CAMERON/AP

make it 9-4. Zach Bushling homered for UConn in the sixth. Stanford tacked on a run in the seventh on a sac fly. Troy had four hits, Huff five RBIs. Esquer used Drew Dowd, Ryan Bruno and Quinn Mathews for three innings each. Mathews also closed out Sunday’s game, pitching three innings.

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UConn women’s basketball

Edwards to participate in Canada Basketball’s U23 training camp

By Lila Bromberg  
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UConn women’s basketball forward Aaliyah Edwards was one of 15 players selected for Canada Basketball’s U23 women’s national team training camp, the program announced Monday. The camp will be held June 22-July 4 at Scotiabank Arena in Toronto in preparation for the inaugural GLOBL JAM tournament, Canada’s international basketball showcase. GLOBL Jam, which is recognized by FIBA, will take place in Toronto from July 5-10. The under-23 tournament will feature men’s and women’s teams from around the world, with Canada, USA, Belgium and France participating on the women’s side. The invitation doesn’t come as a surprise as Edwards has been affiliated with Team Canada since 2017. She was the youngest member of the country’s senior national team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, and she also won gold in 2017 at both the U15

national championships and U16 FIBA Americas Championship. GLOBL Jam will take place at Mattamy Athletic Centre and be broadcast on Sportsnet in Canada. Edwards and her Canadian team will first face Belgium on July 5, followed by games against the United States on July 6 and France on July 7 as part of a round-robin format for the preliminary round. All teams will advance to the semifinals July 9, and championship games will be held July 10. Other players invited to the training camp alongside Edwards include Laeticia Amihere (South Carolina), Shy Day-Wilson (Duke), Lashae Dwyer (Miami), Yvonne Ejim (Gonzaga), Taya Hanson (Arizona State), Phillipina Kyei (Oregon), Latasha Lattimore (Texas), Christina Morra (Wake Forest), Shaina Pellington (Arizona), Merissah Russell (Louisville), Sarah Te-Biasu (VCU), Tara Wallack (Washington State) Aicha Dia and Rosalie Mercille. The team will be coached by Carly Clarke, an assistant on the senior national team.

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with the Huskies in the midst of summer workouts, Lopez Sénéchal says she occasionally finds herself in disbelief that she’s actually part of the prestigious program. After all, she and her stepdad were the ones reaching out to schools with emails and videos during her high school recruitment — at the time she was attending a basketball academy in Ireland — not the other way around. “Sometimes I think about it twice,” Lopez Sénéchal said last week. “Every time I step in the building, I feel very fortunate. ... I don’t want to take for granted anything, and it’s a great opportunity for me.” As surreal as this all seems to Lopez Sénéchal, it’s just as clear to her coach Geno Auriemma and teammates that she fits right in with the Huskies program. “She’s exactly what I thought she’d be,” Auriemma said. In discussing his approach to picking up Lopez Sénéchal in the transfer portal, Auriemma is quick to point out that his program doesn’t operate like most in today’s era of college basketball. “To our detriment, probably, we’re not one of those schools that has one of those assistant coach dedicated to the portal and calling AAU coaches around the country and saying, ‘Hey, is your kid happy? Do they want to transfer?’” Auriemma said. “The transfer portal for us is, generally speaking, something that happens where kids graduate ... and they’re looking for another opportunity to go do something different. Some kid that’s just leaving after one year or two years because they’re dissatisfied with their situation. I’m always a little bit leery about that. “So that’s our philosophy. If there’s somebody out there that we think fits who we are and what we’re doing and fills a need, that we think can help our program, and that’s

where we landed on Lou.” Lopez Sénéchal averaged 19.5 points, 4.6 rebounds and 1.1 assists in her senior season, leading the way for the Stags as they made their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 21 years. Auriemma said the way she played and the way she was coached by Joe Frager, who retired after 2021-22, aligned with the way things are done at UConn. He thought it was “a perfect fit.” Once Lopez Sénéchal committed to UConn on April 23, numerous coaches and broadcasters who had seen her play reached out to Auriemma to tell him how good she’d be for the Huskies. So did Fairfield athletic director Paul Schlickmann. “In my 32 years of being in college athletics, I’ve never met a finer kid, a more competitive kid, a more engaging kid, a great teammate. And she’s tough as hell,” Auriemma recalled Schlickmann telling him. Lopez Sénéchal has lived up to those expectations so far.

It’s been a fast transition. Lopez Sénéchal came to Storrs right after her Fairfield graduation a few weeks ago. She’s gotten to know her new teammates and grown more comfortable around them, whether it be through team workouts, going on outings to the lake and New York City, or just hanging out in their apartments. She’s also been doing individual workouts with Paige Bueckers. “I’m definitely learning a lot from her,” Lopez Sénéchal said of Bueckers. “... What you see on TV, I saw it here and it’s real. She’s really good. She’s really talented. So I’m very excited to just get to know her more on the court, off the court and learn from her. ... I’m definitely very excited to play with her during the year.” In team workouts, the biggest adjustment for Lopez Sénéchal has been the attention to detail and the offense, particularly the pace. Fairfield ran a much slower offense.

“It’s less set plays,” Lopez Sénéchal said. “It’s something that I like and I haven’t really had the chance to have in a long time, so it’s a good transition.” Auriemma hasn’t yet determined what Lopez Sénéchal’s specific role will be. She’s been one of only around five players doing full workouts on a daily basis, so it’s hard to gage how she stacks up with the rest of the team. But he has seemed pleased with her performance so far. “Right now she fits in great,” Auriemma said. “... Come October when we start really working with our whole team, I think we’ll get a better idea. But you know me, I value kids that can play a lot of different positions and are skilled, and they can pass, they can catch, they can dribble, they can shoot — you know, I have an affinity towards those guys. So we’ll see.” Lopez Sénéchal played the forward position at Fairfield, but she’s listed as a guard/forward on UConn’s roster. At 6 feet 1, she’s expected to play more on the perimeter than inside the post, especially after shooting 40.9% from 3-point range last season. “I’m going to embrace any role that I have,” Lopez Sénéchal said. “There’s other great, talented players here, so I don’t have one specific idea ... I’m just learning a lot from my teammates. That’s something that I really want. So whatever role I’ll have, I’ll take it and I’ll learn from it every day.” Whatever role that ends up being once the 2022-23 season rolls around, the Huskies are optimistic about Lopez Sénéchal’s future in Storrs. “She’s been great. She’s a very outgoing person. She’s very social. ... Everybody likes her,” forward Dorka Juhász said. “I’ve been seeing her working out, and she’s just perfectly fitting into it as a person, but also as a player. She’s a very hard worker. She wants to win. She wants the challenge. So I think she’s going to be a great contribution to our team.”



# BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	44	16	.733	—	—	9-1	W-4	26-7	18-9
Toronto	35	24	.593	8 ½	—	6-4	W-1	18-10	17-14
Tampa Bay	35	25	.583	9	—	6-4	W-1	21-13	14-12
Boston	32	29	.525	12 ½	—	8-2	W-1	13-14	19-15
Baltimore	26	35	.426	18 ½	6	5-5	W-2	15-15	11-20

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	35	27	.565	—	—	5-5	L-1	20-14	15-13
Cleveland	29	27	.518	3	½	7-3	W-1	16-10	13-17
Chicago	27	31	.466	6	3 ½	4-6	L-2	13-17	14-14
Detroit	24	35	.407	9 ½	7	5-5	L-1	16-17	8-18
Kansas City	20	39	.339	13 ½	11	4-6	L-2	12-21	8-18

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	37	23	.617	—	—	5-5	W-1	16-10	21-13
Texas	28	31	.475	8 ½	3	4-6	W-2	13-16	15-15
Los Angeles	29	33	.468	9	3 ½	2-8	L-1	17-18	12-15
Seattle	27	33	.450	10	4 ½	6-4	L-1	13-12	14-21
Oakland	21	41	.339	17	11 ½	1-9	L-1	7-23	14-18

### BOX SCORES

#### TOTAL STRIKES THROWN

PITCHER	TM	SO	PI	STR
Sandy Alcántara	MIA	77	1207	803
Miles Mikolas	STL	60	1152	789
Frankie Montas	OAK	80	1178	787
Kevin Gausman	TOR	77	1101	782
Justin Verlander	HOU	78	1130	778
Robbie Ray	SEA	81	1125	774
Logan Gilbert	SEA	70	1174	768
Carlos Rodón	SFG	83	1146	763
Corbin Burnes	MIL	92	1194	762
Aaron Nola	PHI	85	1128	758
Tyler Mahle	CIN	74	1236	756
Adam Wainwright	STL	55	1154	755
Max Fried	ATL	69	1119	743
Chris Bassitt	NYM	74	1159	740
Nathan Eovaldi	BOS	72	1063	738
Logan Webb	SFG	59	1104	738
Framber Valdez	HOU	61	1133	735
Gerrit Cole	NYY	84	1099	731
Tarik Skubal	DET	75	1066	730
Shane Bieber	TBR	98	1095	726
Kyle Wright	ATL	80	1096	719
Patrick Corbin	WSN	55	1126	717
Pablo López	MIA	72	1098	716
Dylan Cease	CHW	89	1129	714
Logan Lyles	BAL	55	1133	713
Joe Musgrove	SDF	72	1060	703
Germán Márquez	COL	59	1079	700
Nick Pivetta	BOS	69	1074	698
Mad. Bumgarner	ARI	45	1092	691
Carlos Carrasco	NYM	68	1028	690
Nestor Cortes	NYY	71	1011	690
Sean Manaea	SDP	71	1039	689
Yu Darvish	SDP	54	1040	688
Martin Pérez	TEX	60	1082	684
Jameson Taillon	NYY	52	1016	683
Merrill Kelly	ARI	54	1049	679
Charlie Morton	ATL	66	1072	677
Dane Dunning	TEX	64	1049	673
Ranger Suárez	PHI	49	1078	673
Walker Buehler	LAD	58	1046	672
Alek Manoah	TOR	61	1001	671
Kyle Gibson	PHI	56	1053	668
Cal Quantrill	CLE	40	1018	668
Kyle Freeland	COL	48	1054	667
Eric Lauer	MIL	67	1018	667
Player	Team	SO	Pit	Str
José Berrios	TOR	54	995	665
Zack Wheeler	PHI	75	973	660
Josiah Gray	WSN	69	1077	659
Hunter Greene	CIN	79	1058	653
Brad Keller	KCR	41	1034	650
Alex Wood	SFG	55	977	649
Marco Gonzales	SEA	38	1021	648
Eric Fedde	WSN	47	1058	647
Zach Davies	ARI	50	1056	645
Kyle Severino	NYY	71	1090	643
Zach Plesac	CLE	43	955	639
Bruce Zimmermann	BAL	44	947	639
Daniel Lynch	KCR	40	986	638
Julio Urias	LAD	56	935	638
Shane Bieber	CLE	68	974	634
through Sunday; baseball-reference				

#### MOST HOMERS, 2019-PRESENT

PLAYER	HR	G	H	RBI
Pete Alonso	124	431	415	306
Eugenio Suárez	106	420	347	252
Aaron Judge	99	326	358	223
Bryce Harper	98	410	418	276
Matt Olson	97	404	381	275
Kyle Schwarber	97	385	318	221
Nelson Cruz	96	369	388	262
Rafael Devers	95	429	510	306
Jorge Soler	95	408	349	240
Nolan Arenado	94	418	443	291
José Ramírez	92	395	395	290
Marcus Semien	91	435	458	241
José Abreu	89	427	457	324
Juan Soto	89	410	415	290
Freddie Freeman	87	437	497	271
Max Muncy	87	388	308	238
George Springer	87	306	326	211
Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	86	402	426	247
Manny Machado	86	428	448	275
Mike Trout	86	277	288	202
Ronald Acuña Jr.	85	316	336	198
Mookie Betts	84	385	429	216
Shohei Ohtani	84	365	336	223
Paul Goldschmidt	83	435	462	264
Nick Castellanos	82	408	448	238
Hunter Renfro	82	371	290	202
Fernando Tatis Jr.	81	273	303	195
Matt Chapman	80	400	331	211
Jose Altuve	79	363	408	198
Josh Bell	79	405	387	263
Franklin Reyes	79	359	313	212
Trevor Story	79	400	419	229
Jordan Alvarez	78	287	310	227
Yoyi Gallo	78	330	224	167
J.D. Martinez	78	399	452	257
Miguel Sanó	78	310	242	182
Teoscar Hernández	77	353	345	232
Rhys Hoskins	77	367	314	211
Cody Bellinger	76	362	315	204
Brandon Lowe	75	319	289	199
Austin Riley	75	351	348	218
Anthony Rizzo	75	404	366	220
Josh Donaldson	74	363	311	195
Jon Pederson	74	379	277	183
Gary Sánchez	74	319	278	183
Xander Bogaerts	73	414	420	251
Eduardo Escobar	72	416	407	252
Javier Báez	71	383	363	211
C.J. Cron	71	341	325	220
Christian Yelich	71	364	355	192
Adam Duvall	70	303	236	189
Randal Grichuk	70	405	364	223
Max Kepler	70	355	304	194
Francisco Lindor	69	389	393	209
Ozzie Albies	68	406	443	244
Salvador Perez	68	247	260	182
Kyle Seager	67	325	271	204
Jorge Votto	67	369	329	199
Jose Polanco	66	418	451	229
Trea Turner	66	389	498	221
Alex Bregman	65	347	341	217
Willy Adames	64	386	343	176
Austin Meadows	64	349	331	219
Marcell Ozuna	64	296	285	194
Carlos Santana	64	418	349	205
through Sunday; baseball-reference				

#### ON THIS DATE

**JUNE 14**  
**1952:** Warren Spahn of the Boston Braves struck out 18 Cubs in a 3-1, 15-inning loss to Chicago. Spahn also homered.  
**1953:** The New York Yankees swept Cleveland, 6-2 and 3-0, to extend the team's winning streak to 40th consecutive games.  
**1963:** Duke Snider hit his 400th career home run to highlight a 10-3 triumph by the New York Mets over the Cincinnati Reds at Crosley Field.  
**1965:** Jim Maloney struck out 18 and no-hit the New York Mets for 10 innings, but Johnny Lewis' leadoff home run in the 11th inning gave the Mets a 1-0 win.  
**1969:** Reggie Jackson knocked in 10 runs with two homers, a double and two singles in Oakland's 21-7 win over the Red Sox in Boston. In the eighth, he drove in three runs with a single when he easily could have made second base.  
**1974:** Nolan Ryan struck out 19 batters in 12 innings to give the California Angels a 4-3 win over the Boston Red Sox in 15 innings. Cecil Cooper of the

#### 2022 BATTERS OUTS

PLAYER	OUTS	TEAM	PA	SO
Whit Merrifield	200	KCR	265	35
César Hernández	195	WSN	276	52
Ozzie Albies	190	ATL	260	45
Cedric Mullins	190	BAL	266	49
Marcus Semien	190	TEX	259	42
Adam Frazier	189	SEA	258	31
Francisco Lindor	189	NYM	273	54
Marcell Ozuna	189	ATL	245	55
Bo Bichette	187	TOR	264	62
Maikel Franco	187	WSN	243	48
Jake Cronenwirth	184	SDP	268	57
Corey Seager	184	TEX	253	46
Anthony Rizzo	181	NYY	254	44
Jonathan Schoop	181	DET	229	46
Matt Olson	180	ATL	270	64
Shohei Ohtani	180	LAA	258	65
Austin Riley	180	ATL	263	74
C.J. Cron	179	COL	260	71
Kiké Hernández	179	BOS	238	38
Rhys Hoskins	179	PHI	254	69
Jesse Winker	179	SEA	255	44
Nick Castellanos	178	PHI	249	60
Connor Joe	177	COL	261	50
Juan Soto	177	WSN	274	42
Randy Arozarena	176	TBR	242	56
Mookie Betts	176	LAD	267	44
Adolis García	176	TEX	243	68
Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	176	TOR	247	42
Jurickson Profar	176	SDP	260	42
Julio Rodríguez	175	SEA	246	74
Kyle Schwarber	175	PHI	251	76
Christian Walker	175	ARI	242	51
Christian Yelich	175	MIL	254	62
Pete Alonso	174	NYM	265	55
Alec Bohm	174	PHI	232	53
Eduardo Escobar	174	NYM	248	60
Trea Turner	174	LAD	260	48
Tommy Edman	173	STL	261	44
Freddie Freeman	173	LAD	269	41
Eugenio Suárez	173	SEA	251	84
Justin Turner	173	LAD	231	41
Bobby Witt	173	KCR	234	55
Josh Bell	172	WSN	256	31
Charlie Blackmon	172	COL	240	38
Alex Verdugo	172	BOS	233	25
Anthony Santander	171	BAL	249	49
Frank Schwindel	171	CHC	230	47
Rafael Devers	170	BOS	263	49
Sean Murphy	169	OAK	227	59
Jorge Soler	169	MIA	233	65
Trevor Story	169	BOS	237	73
Starling Marte	168	NYM	230	43
Jorge Polanco	168	MIN	250	55
Bryan Reynolds	168	PIT	234	54
Jared Walsh	167	LAA	234	69
Alex Bregman	166	HOU	244	32
José Abreu	165	CHW	245	40
Nolan Arenado	165	STL	244	30
Cody Bellinger	165	LAD	223	66
Trent Grisham	165	SDP	226	58
Adam Duvall	165	ATL	222	70
Ryan McMahon	165	COL	244	67
baseball-reference; through Sunday				

#### LATE SUNDAY: N.Y. METS 4, L.A. ANGELS 1

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	1	1	0	1	.263
Marte rf	4	1	2	1	1	.281
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	3	.245
Alonso 1b	4	1	2	2	1	.284
Canha lf	4	0	1	0	0	.299
Escobar 3b	5	0	0	0	3	.242
Davis dh	4	1	2	1	2	.263
McNeil 2b	4	0	3	0	0	.320
Nido c	4	0	0	0	0	.245
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>LA Angels</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BI</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>AVG</b>
Marsh lf	3	1	2	0	1	.258
Trout dh	4	0	1	1	2	.293
Rendon 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.231
Walsh 1b	4	0	1	0	3	.260
Duffy 2b	4	0	2	0	1	.305
Lagares rf-cf	4	0	0	0	3	.222
Suzuki c	3	0	0	0	2	.203
Wade cf-ss	3	0	0	0	2	.213
Velazquez ss	2	0	0	0	2	.175
a-Rengifo ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.231
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	

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#### LA Angels 100 000 000 — 1 6 2

a-grounded out for Velazquez in, 8th.  
**E:** Duffy (4), Velazquez (5).  
**LOB:** New York 11, Los Angeles 6.  
**TB:** Marte (11), Canha (5), Marsh (6).  
**HR:** Davis (2), off Sandoval; Alonso (18), off Iglesias.  
**RBIs:** Marte (34), Davis (13), Alonso 2 (57), Trout (34), **CS:** Nimmo (1).  
**Runners left in scoring position:** New York 5(Nido, Escobar 2, Canha 2); Los Angeles 3(Lagares, Walsh, Wade).  
**RISP:** New York 1 for 9; Los Angeles 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Nido, Rendon.  
**DP:** New York 1(McNeil, Alonso); Los Angeles 1(Rendon, Duffy, Walsh).

#### NY METS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Walker, W, 4-2	6	6	1	1	10	3.08</
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SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

**FINALS SCHEDULE**  
**#2 Boston 2, #3 Golden State 2**  
**G1: June 2:** Boston 120-108.  
**G2: June 5:** Golden State 107-88.  
**G3: June 8:** at Boston 116-100.  
**G4: June 10:** Golden State 107-97.  
**G5: Monday:** at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
**G6: Thursday:** at Boston, 9 p.m.  
**x-G7: June 19:** vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.  
(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

TEAM PLAYOFF STATS				
GOLDEN STATE	G	RPG	APG	PPG
Klay Thompson	20	3.9	2.3	19.3
Stephen Curry	20	5.2	5.7	27.6
Andrew Wiggins	20	7.3	1.7	16.0
Draymond Green	20	7.0	6.2	7.8
Jordan Poole	20	3.0	4.1	17.2
Kevon Looney	20	7.9	2.2	6.3
Otto Porter Jr.	17	3.6	2.0	5.5
Gary Payton II	10	2.9	1.4	5.7
Andre Iguodala	5	1.4	2.0	2.2
Nemanja Bjelica	14	2.1	1.2	3.1
Jonathan Kuminga	15	1.8	0.5	5.5
Moses Moody	12	0.7	0.3	3.4
Damion Lee	15	1.7	0.5	2.1
Juan Tiscano-Anderson	13	0.8	0.6	0.8

Team	20	44.2	27.2	112.7		
WARRIORS	MIN	FG%	3P%	FT%	SPG	BPG
Thompson	35.6	.437	.387	.857	1.0	0.8
Curry	34.4	.461	.407	.828	1.3	0.4
Wiggins	34.1	.470	.344	.645	0.9	1.0
Green	31.3	.477	.188	.622	1.1	1.0
Poole	28.7	.513	.386	.909	0.9	0.4
Looney	20.5	.679		.611	0.5	0.5
Porter Jr.	20.2	.493	.405	.778	1.0	0.3
Payton II	15.7	.700	.700	.571	0.8	0.6
Iguodala	11.2	.444	.333	.667	0.0	0.4
Bjelica	10.4	.529	.375	.571	0.3	0.1
Kuminga	9.1	.508	.231	.769	0.2	0.1
Moody	8.6	.536	.538	.667	0.3	0.3
Lee	8.2	.394	.267	.667	0.1	0.0
TAndrsn	3.7	.400	.400	.333	0.2	0.1
Team	--	.485	.381	.757	7.4	5.0

BOSTON	G	RPG	APG	PPG
Jayson Tatum	22	6.7	6.2	26.1
Jaylen Brown	22	6.8	3.5	22.8
Marcus Smart	19	4.5	5.9	15.5
Al Horford	21	9.1	3.5	11.9
Grant Williams	22	4.0	0.8	9.1
Derrick White	21	3.2	2.7	9.2
Robert Williams	15	6.0	0.9	7.4
Payton Pritchard	22	2.0	1.7	5.2
Daniel Theis	16	3.3	0.7	4.3
Aaron Nesmith	13	1.1	0.2	0.7
Sam Hauser	5	0.2	0.2	1.0
Luke Kornet	7	0.4	0.1	0.6
Nik Stauskas	11	0.4	0.4	1.2
Malik Fitts	9	0.2	0.0	0.9
Juwan Morgan	7	0.3	0.0	0.1
Team	22	42.8	24.7	106.8

CELTICS	MIN	FG%	3P%	FT%	SPG	BPG
Tatum	40.8	.426	.388	.817	1.2	0.9
J.Brown	37.8	.476	.379	.757	1.1	0.5
Smart	35.9	.405	.341	.810	1.3	0.3
Horford	35.4	.514	.456	.774	0.8	1.4
G. Williams	28.3	.432	.402	.800	0.4	0.7
White	26.0	.380	.333	.837	1.0	0.6
R. Williams	22.1	.692	.000	.875	0.8	2.2
Pritchard	13.5	.443	.358	.667	0.3	0.1
Theis	12.5	.588	.214	.750	0.3	0.5
Nesmith	3.8	.250	.100		0.2	0.3
Hauser	2.4	.250	.333	1.000	0.0	0.0
Kornet	2.3	.667			0.0	0.0
Stauskas	2.0	.273	.333	1.000	0.0	0.0
Fitts	1.8	.750	.000		0.0	0.0
Morgan	1.7	.000	.000	.500	0.0	0.0
Team	--	.452	.374	.801	6.5	6.4

through Game 4 of Finals

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	10	4	.714	—
Chicago	9	4	.692	1½
Washington	9	6	.600	1½
Atlanta	7	6	.538	2½
New York	5	9	.357	5
Indiana	4	12	.250	7
<b>WEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Las Vegas	11	2	.846	—
Seattle	8	5	.615	3
Dallas	6	7	.462	5
Phoenix	5	8	.385	6
Los Angeles	5	8	.385	6
Minnesota	3	11	.214	8½

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
No games scheduled.

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.  
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
Las Vegas at Dallas, 1p.m.  
Atlanta at Connecticut, 7p.m.  
Phoenix at Indiana, 7p.m.

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Chicago 88, New York 86  
Seattle 84, Dallas 79  
Phoenix 99, Washington 90, OT  
Indiana 84, Minnesota 80

SEASON LEADERS				
TOTAL POINTS	PTS	PPG	TN	G
Kelsey Mitchell	300	18.8	IND	16
Kelsey Plum	254	19.5	LVA	13
Sabrina Ionescu	245	17.5	NYL	14
Jewell Loyd	242	18.6	SEA	13
Breanna Stewart	239	21.7	SEA	11
Ariel Atkins	232	15.5	WAS	15
Nneka Ogumike	232	17.8	LAS	13
Arike Ogunbowale	228	17.5	DAL	13
A'ja Wilson	228	17.5	LVA	13
Rhyné Howard	214	16.5	ATL	13
Diana Taurasi	213	16.4	PHO	13
Skyler Diggins-Smith	211	19.2	PHO	11
Jackie Young	211	19.2	LVA	11
Jonquel Jones	210	15.0	CON	14
Brianna Jones	204	14.6	CON	14

REBOUNDS	REB	RPG	TM	G
A'ja Wilson	129	9.9	LVA	13
Sylvia Fowles	124	10.3	MIN	12
Dearica Hamby	122	9.4	LVA	13
Jonquel Jones	122	8.7	CON	14
Alyssa Thomas	118	8.4	CON	14
Jessica Shepard	110	7.9	MIN	14
Queen Egbo	107	6.7	IND	16
Kayla Thornton	106	8.2	DAL	13
Emily Engstler	103	6.4	IND	16
Candace Parker	103	7.9	CHI	13
Nneka Ogumike	99	7.6	LAS	13
Nalysssa Smith	99	8.3	IND	12
Brianna Turner	95	7.9	PHO	12
Shakira Austin	92	6.1	WAS	15
Cheyenne Parker	90	6.9	ATL	13

ASSISTS	AAPG	TM	TO
Courtney Vandersloot	94	7.2	CHI 36
Natasha Cloud	90	6.9	WAS 38
Alyssa Thomas	81	5.8	CON 46
Kelsey Plum	80	6.2	LVA 39
Sabrina Ionescu	78	5.6	NYL 40
Chelsea Gray	73	5.6	LVA 35
Sue Bird	66	6.6	SEA 26
Kelsey Mitchell	62	3.9	IND 37
Jordin Canada	60	5.5	LAS 32
Candace Parker	59	4.5	CHI 33
Diana Taurasi	59	4.5	PHO 34
through Sunday			

ODDS

MLB		TUESDAY	
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at St. Louis	Off	Pitt. (G1)	Off
Atlanta	-180	at Washington	+152
at Philadelphia	-152	Miami	+128
at N. Mets	-144	Milwaukee	+122
at St. Louis	Off	Pitt. (G2)	Off
at Chi Cubs	Off	San Diego	Off
at Arizona	-120	Cincinnati	+100
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at NY Yankees	-215	Tampa Bay	+180
at Toronto	-220	Baltimore	+184
at Detroit	Off	Chi White Sox	Off
at Boston	-225	Oakland	+188
Houston	-120	at Texas	+102
at Seattle	Off	Minnesota	Off
INTERLEAGUE			
Cleveland	-158	at Colorado	+134
at San Francisco	-232	Kansas City	+193
at LA Dodgers	-192	LA Angels	+167

**STANLEY CUP FINALS WEDNESDAY**  
**FAVORITE** **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**  
at Colorado -156 Tampa Bay +144  
**ODDS TO WIN FINALS SERIES**  
Colorado -185 Tampa Bay +160  
For the latest odds, go to  
FanDuel Sportsbook,  
https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL

**STANLEY CUP FINALS**  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
**Tampa Bay vs. Colorado**  
**G1: Wednesday:** at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
**G2: Saturday:** at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
**G3: June 20:** at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.  
**G4: June 22:** at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.  
**x-G5: June 24:** at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
**x-G6: June 26:** at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.  
**x-G7: June 28:** at Colorado, 8 p.m.

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-New Jersey	8	1	0	.889	206	159
x-Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	239	217
Michigan	1	8	0	.111	178	215
Pittsburgh	1	8	0	.111	126	210
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	8	1	0	.889	213	151
x-New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	193	144
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	144	174
Houston	2	7	0	.222	176	205
x-clinched playoff spot						

**WEEK 9 SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
New Orleans 17, Tampa Bay 16  
Philadelphia 17, Pittsburgh 6

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
New Jersey 25, Michigan 23  
Houston 17, Birmingham 15

**WEEK 10 SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Philadelphia vs. New Jersey, noon  
Birmingham vs. Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**  
Michigan vs. Pittsburgh, noon  
New Orleans vs. Houston, 4p.m.

**PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**  
**Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio**  
**No:** New Jersey vs. Philadelphia, 3 p.m.  
**So:** Birmingham vs. New Orleans, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 3**  
**USFL Championship**  
**Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio**  
North champ vs. South champ, 7:30pm

TENNIS

**ATP TERRA WORTMANN OPEN**  
**At Gerry Weber Stadium, Halle, Germany, Grass-outdoors**  
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
Nikoloz Basilashvili d.  
#3 Andrey Rublev, 7-6(1), 6-4.  
#6 Pablo Carreno Busta d. Holger Rune, 6-3, 7-6(5).  
Laslo Djere d. Henri Squire, 4-3, ret.  
Ugo Humbert d. Radu Albot, 6-7(4), 7-6(4), 7-5.  
Mackenzie McDonald d. Marc-Andrea Huesler, 7-6(4), 6-4.  
Ilya Ivashka d. Jan-Lennard Struff, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(5).

**ATP CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Monday at The Queen's Club, London, outdoors-grass**  
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
Grigor Dimitrov d. #3 Cameron Norrie, 6-7(2), 6-1, 6-4.  
Jack Draper d. #4 Taylor Fritz, 6-3, 6-2.  
#7 Marin Cilic d. Liam Broady, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.  
Alex de Minaur d. #8 Reilly Opelka, 6-4, 6-4.  
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 7-5, 6-4.  
Alexander Bublik d. Lorenzo Musetti, 6-3, 0-0, retired.

**WTA ROTHESAY CLASSIC BIRMINGHAM**  
**At Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham, Great Britain, outdoors-grass**  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
#2 Simona Halep d. Lesia Tsurenko, 6-1, 6-4.  
Aleksandra Krunic d. Petra Martic, 6-4, 7-6(6).  
Lauren Davis d. Kaja Juvan, 7-6(2), 7-6(5).  
Harriet Dart d. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano, 6-2, 6-0.  
Donna Vekic d. CoCo Vandeweghe, 6-4, 6-4.  
Elena-Gabriela Ruse d. Wang Qiang, 7-6(6), 7-6(12).  
Caroline Garcia d. Viktorija Golubic, 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-6(6).

**WTA VENETO OPEN INTERNAZIONALE**  
**At Tennis Club GalibaGaiba, Italy, outdoors-grass**  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
#3 Lucia Bronzetti, 6-1, 6-3.  
Ylena In-Albon d. #8 Chloe Paquet, 6-4, 6-2.  
Ana Bogdan d. Linda Fruhvirtova 7-5, 6-0.  
Harmony Tan d. Fanny Stollár, 7-6(3), 6-1.  
Susan Bandecchi d. Matilde Paoletti, 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-4.  
Ysaline Bonaventure d. Elina Avanesyan, 6-2, 7-6(4).  
**WTA BETT10PEN**  
**At Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club, Berlin, outdoors-grass**  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
#4 Karolina Pliskova d. Kaia Kanepi, 6-7(5), 6-0, 6-0.  
#6 Daria Kasatkina d. Anhelina Kalinina, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.  
Daria Saville d. Jill Teichmann, 6-7(2), 7-5, 6-2.  
Bianca Andreescu d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.  
Aliaksandra Sasnovich d. Anastasia Gasanovich, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.  
Wang Xinyi d. Tamara Korpsatsch, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

**ATP SINGLES RANKINGS**  
1. Daniil Medvedev, Russia 7,950  
2. Alexander Zverev, Germany 7,075  
3. Novak Djokovic, Serbia 6,770  
4. Rafael Nadal, Spain 6,525  
5. Casper Ruud, Norway 5,050  
6. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece 4,945  
7. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain 4,893  
8. Andrey Rublev, Russia 4,125  
9. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada 3,895  
10. Matteo Berrettini, Italy 3,570  
11. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain 3,455  
12. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland 3,258  
13. Jannik Sinner, Italy 3,185  
14. Taylor Fritz, U.S. 2,920  
15. Denis Shapovalov, Canada 2,473  
16. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina 2,325  
17. Marin Cilic, Croatia 2,130  
18. Reilly Opelka, U.S. 2,100  
19. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain 1,965  
20. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain 1,858  
21. Alex de Minaur, Australia 1,768  
22. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria 1,740  
23. Karen Khachanov, Russia 1,710  
24. Gael Monfils, France 1,660  
25. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia 1,628  
26. John Isner, U.S. 1,616  
27. Frances Tiafoe, U.S. 1,519  
28. Holger Rune, Denmark 1,429

**WTA SINGLES RANKINGS**  
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland 8,631  
2. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia 4,511  
3. Paula Badosa, Spain 4,245  
4. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia 4,150  
5. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus 4,145  
6. Maria Sakkarí, Greece 4,075  
7. Karolina Pliskova, Cz. Rep 3,678  
8. Jessica Pegula, U.S. 3,255  
9. Danielle Collins, U.S. 3,255  
10. Garbiñe Muguruzza, Spain 3,060  
11. Emma Raducanu, Great Britain 2,975  
12. Daria Kasatkina, Russia 2,756  
13. Coco Gauff, U.S. 2,756  
14. Barbora Krejčíková, Cz. Rep 2,642  
15. Leylah A. Fernandez, Canada 2,605  
16. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia 2,596  
17. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland 2,585  
18. Angelique Kerber, Germany 2,474  
19. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus 2,325  
20. Simona Halep, Romania 2,130  
21. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan 2,120  
22. Jill Teichmann, Switzerland 2,023  
23. Madison Keys, U.S. 2,009  
24. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia 2,000  
25. Amanda Anisimova, U.S. 1,840  
26. Camila Giorgi, Italy 1,782  
27. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia 1,751  
28. Martina Trevisan, Italy 1,744

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	2	26	25	10
Philadelphia	6	1	7	25	19	10
CF Montréal	7	5	2	23	28	26
N.Y. Red Bulls	6	4	5	23	24	17
Orlando City	6	5	3	21	17	20
Charlotte FC	6	8	1	19	15	18
Cincinnati	6	7	1	19	21	25
New England	5	5	4	19	24	24
Inter Miami CF	5	6	3	18	15	22
Columbus	4	5	4	16	17	16
Atlanta	4	5	4	16	20	20
Toronto FC	4	7	3	15	21	27
D.C. United	4	7	2	14	17	23
Chicago	2	7	5	11	13	20
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	3	2	29	29	16
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	24	13
Real Salt Lake	7	4	4	25	18	19
Austin FC	7	4	3	24	28	18
LA Galaxy	7	5	2	23	17	15
Nashville	6	4	5	23	18	16
Houston	5	6	3	18	17	17
Minnesota United	5	6	3	18	15	15
Colorado	5	6	3	18	16	17
Vancouver	5	7	2	17	16	24
Seattle	5	6	1	16	15	15
Portland	3	6	6	15	21	25
San Jose	3	6	6	15	25	32
Sporting KC	3	9	4	13	14	28
Three points for win, one point for tie.						



# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

No Big Three in men’s tennis top 2

None of the so-called Big Three of men’s tennis — Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic — was in the No. 1 or No. 2 spots in the ATP rankings on Monday, the first time that’s been the case in nearly 20 years. Daniil Medvedev rose one place to return to No. 1, where he briefly spent time earlier this season, and Alexander Zverev moved up to a career-best No. 2. Djokovic slid from No. 1 to No. 3, because his points for winning the French Open in 2021 dropped off his record. At Roland Garros this year, Djokovic’s title defense ended with a quarterfinal loss to Nadal, who wound up earning his 14th French championship. Nadal remained at No. 4; even though he has won the season’s first two major tournaments, he missed most of the last half of 2021 and part of this year, too. French runner-up Casper Ruud went up one spot to a career-high No. 5. Federer, 40, had a series of knee operations and hasn’t played anywhere since Wimbledon last July. He’s ranked 68th. Federer was at No. 3, behind top-ranked Andy Roddick and No. 2 Juan Carlos Ferrero, the week of Nov. 10, 2003, with Nadal outside the top 40 and Djokovic — who wouldn’t make his Slam debut until 2005 — outside the top 500. A week later, Federer would rise to No. 2.

At US Open, all eyes on Mickelson



Phil Mickelson stuck to his script and showed restraint when put in tough spots at the U.S. Open, a big change for him. Except on Monday, he was using words instead of his golf clubs. Still to come is the major reputed to be the toughest test in golf, the only one keeping him from the career Grand Slam. The six-time major champion is competing in the U.S. for the first time in more than four months, now the face of a Saudi-funded league that aims to disrupt the PGA Tour. Mickelson, who turns 52 on Thursday, added nothing from his comments last week outside London, where he and 16 others defied PGA Tour regulations by competing in Greg Norman’s new LIV Golf series. Mickelson said while tour players have been suspended — some of them resigned first — he hasn’t ruled out playing the PGA Tour again. He said Monday that should be his decision. “I’ve worked hard to earn a lifetime membership,” said Mickelson, who gas 45 career tour victories. “I’ve worked hard to give back to the PGA Tour and the game throughout my 30-plus years of pro golf, and ... so I believe that it should be my choice.”

Rapinoe, Morgan on USWNT roster

Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan have been included on the U.S. roster for next month’s CONCACAF W Championship, which will determine four of the region’s teams in the 2023 Women’s World Cup. Rapinoe and Morgan haven’t been named to a U.S. roster since October as coach Vlatko Andonovski looked at younger players in the run-up to qualifying. The U.S. is the two-time defending World Cup champion. Twenty-three players were named to the qualifying roster, and three others — Sam Coffey, Carson Pickett and Jaelin Howell — were added to the training camp in advance of a pair of friendlies later this month against Colombia. Several players were left off the squad because of injuries, including Sam Mewis (knee), Abby Dahlkemper (ribs), Lynn Williams (hip) and Catarina Macario (knee). Crystal Dunn recently gave birth. Tobin Heath was also left off the roster, as was Christen Press, who was injured last weekend while playing for Angel City. The W Championship is set for July in Monterrey, Mexico, and it will determine the region’s four teams for the 2023 World Cup, which will be co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand. The winner of the tournament will also earn a berth in the 2024 Olympics. —Associated Press



Nathan MacKinnon and the Avalanche will host the Lightning in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday. JACK DEMPSEY/AP

STANLEY CUP FINAL

## Expectations at a peak

Well-rested Avalanche favorites vs. Lightning

By Stephen Whyno  
Associated Press

Expectations for the Avalanche have not diminished since the start of the playoffs. They were favored to win the Western Conference and reach the Stanley Cup Final, and now that they’re here, oddsmakers think they have an edge over the Lightning, who have won the last two finals. The Avalanche will need to overcome a long layoff to live up to the mantra of being -180 favorites on FanDuel Sportsbook in a highly anticipated series that begins Wednesday night in Denver. “We just have to put our focus on our group,” said winger Andre Burakovsky, who won the Cup with the Capitals in 2018. “We’re not going to focus on the outside of we are the favorites or underdog or anything like that. We’re here to play our game, find our own success and not try to focus too much on the outside (elements) that we can’t control.” One of those elements is the schedule. After sweeping the Oilers in the West final, the Avalanche are going more than a week between games. The eight days between series is slightly longer than the game-less span the Avalanche had after sweeping the Predators before facing the Blues in the second round. Avalanche head coach Jared Bednar

and his staff have attempted to balance rest and competitive practices to keep the juices flowing knowing what’s coming. Players insist they will be ready. “At this point of the year, it’s not very hard to get up for the games,” winger Mikko Rantanen said. “It’s the finals, so it doesn’t matter if it would be a 40-day break — I think everybody will be mentally ready to play.” Rantanen added the layoff isn’t an excuse and that “it’s every individual’s responsibility to be ready.” Bednar is chiefly responsible for setting the practice schedule and putting players in the best position to win. “I feel good about getting a couple of days away from the rink to get sort of decompressed and then start gearing things up a little bit,” Bednar said. “It’s doesn’t feel like it’s too much time. I like the focus of our group, I like the work of our group.” The Avs are without injured forwards Nazem Kadri and Andrew Cogliano, whom Bednar on Sunday wouldn’t rule out. Lightning head coach Jon Cooper over the weekend said it was likely top center Brayden Point, who has been out a month since getting injured in Game 7 of the first round against the Maple Leafs, will play at some point during the final. The Avalanche finished off the Oilers without Kadri and starting goaltender Darcy Kuemper, who backed up Pavel Francouz in the series-clinching victory. Bednar isn’t tipping his hand on which goalie will start Game 1, and

players know they have to keep up a certain level of play if Kadri remains out. “We know Naz is a great player for us and brings a lot, especially on the offensive side, and even defensively he plays responsibly,” Rantanen said. “(We) try to play our own game and not think about too much. “We obviously hope that Naz can play and he’s been looking good, so I don’t know.” Burakovsky is back after missing time from blocking a shot with his left leg in the series opener against the Oilers. Having the extra time off allows the Avalanche — who will be without top-four defenseman Samuel Girard because of a broken sternum — to get Burakovsky and others closer to 100% at a time of year when few players are fully healthy. It also helps to have a player like Burakovsky around who has won the Cup, and while he’s not looking back too much to five years ago and the Capitals beating the Lightning on the way to the title, that experience is part of what gives him confidence. Even more of that confidence comes from what the Avalanche have done this season and on this run. “We know what we can do as a group,” he said. “We showed it for previous years and this whole season and especially in the playoffs here that we have what it takes to win, and we’re just going to bring it out in this series, too.”

AP writers Arnie Stapleton in Denver and Fred Goodall in Tampa, Florida, contributed to this report.

NASCAR

## ‘Quite a journey’ to Suarez’s 1st victory




By Jenna Fryer | Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Here are some things to know about Daniel Suarez’s long journey before becoming the first Mexico-born winner at the top level of NASCAR: — When he decided as a child in Monterrey to seriously pursue a career as a racecar driver, Suarez’s father closed his well-known automobile restoration shop to support his son. — Suarez’s first move to the United States to pursue his dream wasn’t a relocation to NASCAR’s hub in Charlotte, North Carolina, but rather an unconventional arrangement to live with his team owner in Buffalo, New York. — He spoke no English and had to learn by watching cartoons, programming with light dialogue that could teach him the basics. — When he finally made it to North Carolina, he crashed with friends until at last landing the cheapest apartment he could find in Mooresville, unofficially known as “Race City USA” because of its proximity to NASCAR shops. It was the hardest two years of his life. “I didn’t have money to buy classes to speak English,” recalled Suarez. “I remember one day waking up and being scared that the language barrier was going to keep me from my goal, which was being a winner, a championship winner in the NASCAR Cup Series. I didn’t want that to happen. I started working extremely hard to learn English. “It’s been quite a journey. I felt like my story is very similar to many Mexicans, Latinos, coming to this country, trying find their dream. If I was able to make it happen, everyone out there can make it happen.” Suarez is only the fifth Cup winner born outside the U.S. in NASCAR history. He won on the road course at Sonoma Raceway, in his 195th career start, to join Marcos Ambrose (Australia), Juan Pablo Montoya (Colombia), Earl Ross (Canada) and none other than Mario Andretti (Italy) as internationally-born Cup winners. But Suarez had won long before Sunday, first in the NASCAR Peak Mexico Series, then in K&N, then a Truck Series race driving for Kyle Busch. He was beloved by Toyota, which very much wanted him in its program, and he advanced into an Xfinity Series ride with Joe Gibbs Racing that should have changed his life. Suarez won three races and the 2016 Xfinity title, and maybe in another year he’d be ready for Cup. Instead, Carl Edwards abruptly retired and with an unexpected hole to fill in its Cup lineup, JGR hastily promoted Suarez. He wasn’t ready to drive the No. 19 Toyota, and JGR gave him two seasons before cutting him loose to promote Erik Jones. JGR has since cut Jones, too. Stewart-Haas Racing took a shot on Suarez in 2019 and he thought he’d cobbled together the sponsorship to keep the seat longer than one season. The weekend of the finale, he learned he’d been fired for the second time in a year. Gaunt Brothers Racing took Suarez for the 2020 season but it was a fledgling team and failed to qualify for the Daytona 500. The remaining 35 races were awful and Gaunt Brothers has run just eight races since Justin Marks threw Suarez a lifeline at the end of that season. Marks was launching Trackhouse Racing and wanted to build it around Suarez, who was joining his fourth team in four years. Marks is a former driver but also a businessman; he believed Suarez could be a winner in the right environment, and also recognized what a Mexican driver could do for Trackhouse. As he built Trackhouse around Suarez, Marks brought entertainer Pitbull into his ownership group. The duo had clear goals of tapping the Latino market and making an impact on youth in America’s minority communities. The biggest move was last summer when Marks bought the entire NASCAR organization from Chip Ganassi, which gave him the people, parts and shop he needed to field a winning team. It also gave him room for a second car and it went to Ross Chastain, who not only won Trackhouse’s first Cup race in March but added a second victory. Suarez was supposed to win Trackhouse’s first race, not Chastain. Now Chastain was locked into the playoffs while Suarez was below the playoff cutline. Immediately after Suarez took the checkered flag Sunday, Marks noted that Suarez and crew chief Travis Mack built Trackhouse and Chastain victories were “tough on them. But they never gave up, they knew they were going to be in victory lane.” Suarez’s entire career has been about not giving up and his decade-long climb has been remarkable. Fox Sports last season put Suarez in the booth for an Xfinity Series broadcast and he even called a lap in Spanish. His journey is far from over and he has been celebrated across motorsports since his win: Mexican drivers Checo Perez of Formula One and Pato O’Ward of IndyCar sent social media congratulations, while F1 reigning champion Max Verstappen left his regards on an Instagram post of Suarez’s girlfriend, Julia Piquet. Suarez and Verstappen are both in long-term relationships with the daughters of three-time F1 champion Nelson Piquet. As he glanced across Sonoma Raceway, Suarez noticed his section of fans. They are called Daniel’s Amigos, and they had a fan club event before the race. Now their driver was a winner and Suarez apologized for the exuberant expletive he shouted toward their section. Then Suarez addressed his fans in Spanish before quickly translating his message into English: “This is the first one of many,” he smiled.



WEATHER

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine and some fair weather clouds, warm. Northwest wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 86° LOW 59°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine with some fair weather clouds, warm.

HIGH 84° LOW 59°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, a few showers are possible.

HIGH 80° LOW 66°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, chance for a couple showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 88° LOW 61°

SATURDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine and some fair weather clouds.

HIGH 75° LOW 54°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

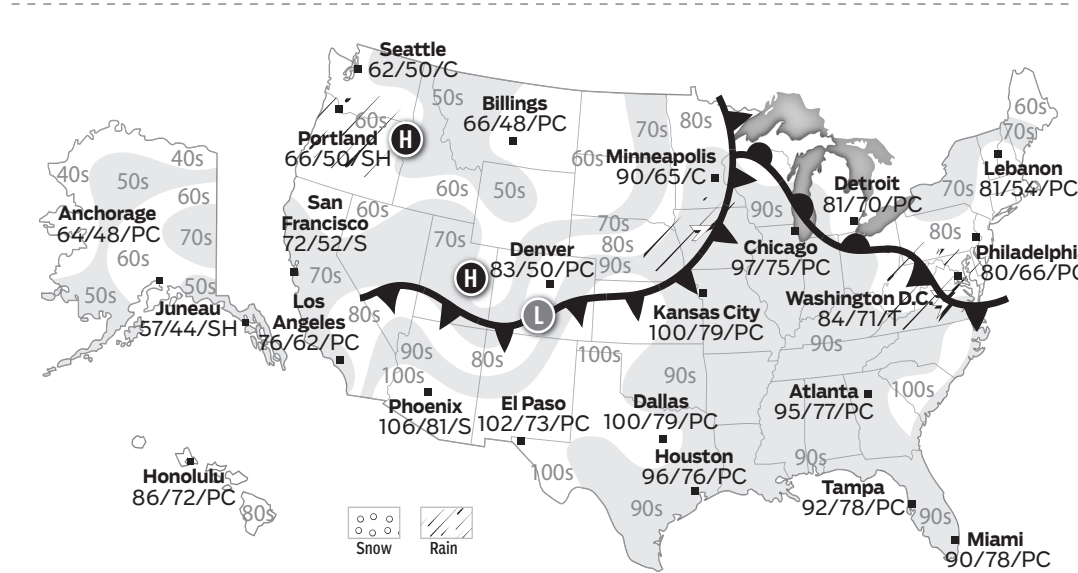
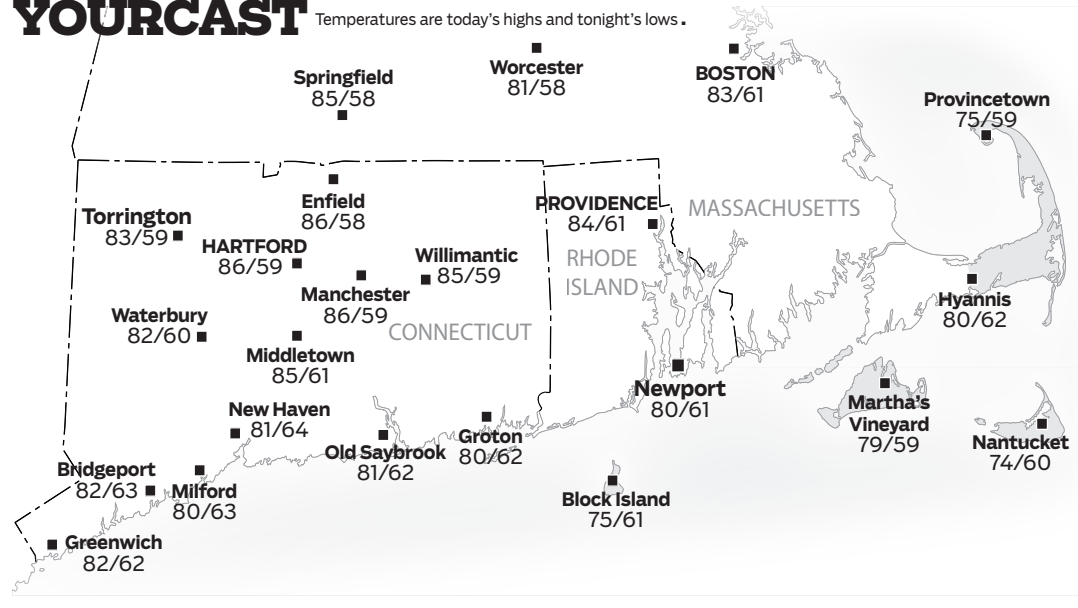
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

While temperatures will be very warm in the coming days with highs in the 80s, it won't compare to the heat that has been affecting much of the rest of the country over the last week or so. The jet stream has protected us from sweltering so far. It is possible that Friday reaches the 90-degree mark, at least at Bradley Airport, but it will only be for one day and most of the state will remain in the 80s. Humidity levels also haven't been concerning and for the most part that will continue. All and all, while others have been suffering from the heat, Connecticut has been having it easy.

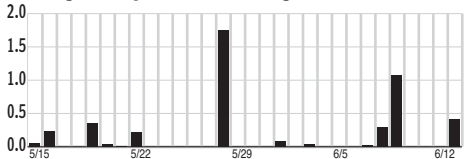
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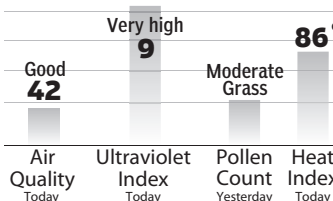
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.41 0.16
Month to date	1.93 1.95
Total this year	19.51 19.84

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

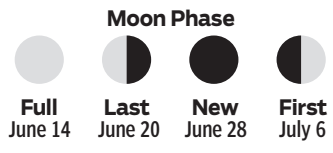
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:26 p.m.	8:27 p.m.
Moonrise	9:14 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
Moonset	5:01 a.m.	6:02 a.m.



AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND																				London										
Bangor	72	53	PC	Baltimore	80	64	T	Nashville	97	75	PC	San Juan	88	77	PC	Budapest	73	52	PC	Madrid										
Burlington	79	58	PC	Bismarck	70	44	SH	New Orleans	93	76	PC	Tucson	103	71	S	Buenos Aires	64	48	C	Mexico										
Caribou	65	49	SH	Boise	63	42	PC	New York	82	66	PC	WORLD										Cairo	93	72	S	Milan				
Concord	81	54	PC	Buffalo	79	61	PC	Okla. City	95	73	PC											Cancun	87	76	PC	Montreal				
Montpelier	75	51	PC	Charleston	97	79	PC	Omaha	93	70	PC											Amsterdam	70	52	PC	Dubai	109	86	S	Moscow
Mt. Wash.	48	39	PC	Cincinnati	96	75	PC	Orlando	95	76	PC											Athens	88	68	S	Dublin	64	52	C	Nassau
Portland	79	57	PC	Cleveland	80	69	PC	Pittsburgh	83	69	T											Bangkok	99	81	T	Edinburgh	64	50	C	New De
Woods Hole	77	58	S	Indianapolis	97	76	PC	Raleigh	100	73	PC	Barbados	84	75	T	Helsinki	72	52	PC	Paris										
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										Las Vegas	96	73	S	Salt Lake City	67	45	PC	Beirut	80	71	PC	Istanbul	82	66	PC	Rio de J				
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										Milwaukee	87	70	PC	San Diego	71	64	PC	Bermuda	82	75	PC	Johannesburg	68	43	PC	Seoul				
										Albany	81	60	S	KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms										Singapore						
Albuquerque	94	64	S																											
Atlantic City	75	60	PC																											

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies pick up transfer guard

By Shreyas Laddha  
Hartford Courant

Former University of San Diego guard Joey Calcaterra announced via social media on Monday that he is transferring to the UConn men's basketball team.

The graduate transfer will join Andre Jackson, Andrew Hurley, Jordan Hawkins, Texas A&M transfer Hassan Diarra, East Carolina transfer Tristen Newton and Virginia Tech transfer Nahiem Alleyne as the guards on the roster.

Calcaterra averaged 8.5 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.2 assists in the 2021-22 season and will have one year of eligibility left. He's a guard primarily known

for his shooting as he shot 41.6% from 3 in his four playing seasons with the Toreros.

Calcaterra feels he can bring quite a bit to the program.

"I bring a lot more than just being a shooter," he said. "I bring five years of Division I experience at a mid-major level. I bring leadership, talk and 100 percent effort every day. I am just a hard worker that is going to do whatever to help my team succeed."

Ultimately, the opportunity on the court and the history drove Calcaterra to UConn.

"I felt like UConn was the best fit for my game coming into this last year," he said. "It's a historic, winning program that has established itself on the high-

est level. Coach [Dan] Hurley and his staff really sold me on it. I felt like it was a place where I could help an already great team and come in and help them even more."

The Huskies had eight players leave the roster from the 2021-22 team. Isaiah Whaley and forward Tyler Polley exhausted their eligibility, while guards R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin turned pro.

UConn also had four players enter the NCAA transfer portal. Forward Akok Akok transferred to Georgetown, guard Rahsool Diggins to UMass, guard Jalen Gaffney left for Florida Atlantic and guard Corey Floyd Jr. went to Providence.

With the addition of Calcaterra, UConn has two scholarship spots left.

Hawkins

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Adapting to the college game

By the end of his first season, Hawkins felt like a brand-new player. He had learned the ins and outs of the college game.

Hawkins credits the coaching staff and veteran players with teaching him how to carry himself on and off the court. In games, they taught him how to lead the team, ensure guys were in the right spots and doing the right thing.

"I remember R.J. [Cole], Tyrese [Martin], Tyler Polley and how they were as leaders," Hawkins said. "They inspired me. I took that all in."

The most significant difference between college and high school basketball? Hawkins couldn't just focus on one part of the game; he had to expand his game by becoming more detail-oriented.

"I didn't pay attention to the little things in high school, just scoring," he said. "I learned everybody on the court can score (in college). You have to find what separates you from everybody else. It takes the little things to win basketball games such as defense, rebounding and communicating with teammates to ensure everybody is on the same page."

Hawkins' personality and dedication to winning helped win over his teammates. On the court, he was hyper-focused, emotional and trying "to be a killer." Off the court, he's laid-back and chill.

In April, four teammates Hawkins

had gotten close with entered the NCAA transfer portal. Forward Akok Akok transferred to Georgetown, guard Rahsool Diggins to UMass, guard Jalen Gaffney left for Florida Atlantic and guard Corey Floyd Jr. went to Providence.

While it was hard to see them go, Hawkins is happy those players made the best decision for themselves.

In their place, the Huskies added three guards from the transfer portal in Texas A&M sophomore Hassan Diarra, East Carolina junior Tristen Newton and Virginia Tech junior Nahiem Alleyne.

"They got some dogs on the team," Hawkins said. "Hassan is a killer. Tristen is a killer. Nahiem is a killer. I love those guys."

**Showcasing hard work**

Since the end of last season, Hawkins has been working tirelessly to improve his game. He's mainly focused on improving his biggest weaknesses: dribbling and defense.

That doesn't mean he's not working on polishing up his strengths. Hawkins is considered a sharpshooter but shot 33% from 3 last season. He shoots a minimum of 500 shots per day. Hawkins believes he's a much better shooter than the percentages showed last season.

Hawkins has also focused on getting into good shape. He first stepped foot on campus weighing 170 pounds. Now, through weight lifting and a steady diet of protein-dense foods, he weighs 190.

Hawkins is an avid watcher of game film, studying a mix of college

and NBA stars. His favorite NBA stars to watch are Devin Booker and Zach Lavine, both of whom Hawkins tries to emulate on the court. Specifically, he wants to learn how they move off the ball and get open.

At the start of summer workouts on June 6, Hawkins' summer grind paid off. According to Mamadou Diarra, UConn's new director of player development, Hawkins' body looks more physically ready. He said he expects the guard to be a focal point on offense.

"I definitely see him taking a major step from last year to this year," Diarra said. "He's a lot more confident than he was last year. As a freshman, you are still getting your feet under you. I am excited to see what he does."

Hawkins expects quite a bit out of himself.

"I am stepping up big time this year," he said. "I am replacing some big shoes in R.J., Tyrese and all the seniors that have left. I have to replace them and be better."

Hawkins has high aspirations for the upcoming season. He hopes to make the All-Big East First Team, but his main focus is leading UConn to a Big East championship and a deep NCAA Tournament run.

"I think we are going to be great this year," he said. "We have a really good squad coming in with transfers and the team coming back."

Hawkins wants to make sure UConn fans know this team has the "it" factor.

"We some killers," he said. "We some dogs. It's going to be fun."

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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYSTACK & FIELD

HAMMER THROW CHAMPIONSHIP AT WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN, LATE

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

HAMMER THROW CHAMPIONSHIP AT WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN, LATE

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYSTACK & FIELD

Decathlon (Day One) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10a.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Heptathlon (Day One) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10:30a.m. Steeplechase Championship at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 3:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYSTACK & FIELD

Decathlon (Day Two) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10a.m. Steeplechase Championship at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 3:30p.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Heptathlon (Day Two) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10a.m.

SUNDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULT

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)  
Game 2  
**STANFORD 8, UCONN 2**

MONDAY'S COLLEGE RESULT

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)  
Game 3  
**STANFORD 10, UCONN 5**

**EASTERN LEAGUE**

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast	38	19	.667	—
Hartford	35	21	.625	2.5
Somerset	27	29	.482	10.5
New Hampshire	24	33	.421	14.0
Reading	24	33	.421	14
Portland	21	35	.375	16.5
Binghamton	21	35	.375	16.5
Southwest	33	24	.579	—
Richmond	32	25	.561	1
Akron	31	26	.544	2
Erie	28	29	.491	5
Altoona	26	31	.456	7
Harrisburg	21	35	.375	11.5
Bowie	21	35	.375	11.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

ALTOONA 5, READING 2

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

WNBA	W	L	PCT	GB
Standings	10	4	.714	—
Eastern	9	4	.692	0.5
Connecticut	9	6	.600	1.5
Chicago	7	6	.538	2.5
Washington	5	9	.357	5
Atlanta	4	12	.250	7
New York				
Indiana				

Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	11	2	.846	—
Seattle	8	5	.615	3
Dallas	6	7	.462	5
Phoenix	5	8	.385	6
Los Angeles	5	8	.385	6
Minnesota	3	11	.214	8.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS

PHOENIX 99, WASHINGTON 90  
INDIANA 84, MINNESOTA 80

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.  
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

Zone 3  
EHM 8, TRI-COUNTY 6  
**MONDAY'S RESULTS**  
Zone 1  
WEST HARTFORD AT BRISTOL, LATE  
Zone 3  
EHM AT SOUTH WINDSOR, LATE  
NORTHEAST AT ELLINGTON, LATE  
GLASTONBURY AT ENFIELD, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Zone 1: Meriden at Torrington, 5:30p.m.  
Zone 3: Ellington at Northeast, 5:45 p.m.; RCP Post at Tri-County, 5:45p.m.; South Windsor at EHM, 6p.m.; Enfield at Middletown, 7p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**  
ORIOLES AT DODGERS, LATE  
ANGELS AT PATRIOTS, LATE  
BLACK SOX AT AFTERSHOCK, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Aftershock at Rockies, 6p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

ORIOLES 2, EXPOS 1

MONDAY'S RESULTS

GRAPHICS AT COLTS, LATE  
PEOPLE'S AT JETS, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Greens at People's, 6p.m.  
Colts at Cardinals, 7p.m.  
Expos at Graphics, 7p.m.

PETE KOKINIS LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULTS

14u  
CT BULLDOGS-WETHERSFIELD 11, NEWINGTON RAIDERS 0  
AHERN WHELAN-MIDDLETOWN AT FARMINGTON, LATE  
16u  
STAFFORD ROYALS 6, COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON 5  
**Note:** Tom Tantillo picked up the win and had 2hits, 3RBI for Stafford.  
WEST HARTFORD THUNDER AT AHERN WHELAN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE  
19u  
FARMINGTON AT NEW BRITAIN PARKS & REC, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

19u: Plainville Devils at Southington Hitmen, 5:45p.m.; Copperheads-Torrington at Aherh Whalen-Middletown, 6:30p.m.